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Woodstock board moves ahead with purchases

By ALISON ALOISIO

Woodstock selectmen Tuesday took steps toward buying a new generator for the Fire Department's squad truck, a new Highway Department truck, the MDOT garage on Route 232 and a smaller electronic sign for the Town Office than originally planned.

Fire Chief Kyle Hopps reported that the generator on the squad truck was failing. The truck was purchased a few years ago from a fire department in New York.

The vehicle provides storage, shelter and light at fire scenes, he said.

"This is our truck that gives us energy," he said. Hopps estimated a replacement, including associated labor, would cost about \$5,500.

He said he would try to find the funds within his budget.

The selectmen voted to authorize him to have the old generator removed from the truck, and to move ahead with the next steps to replace it.

The board also approved spending up to \$67,000 - the amount approved at Town Meeting - to buy a new one-ton truck for the Highway Department.

Selectman Ron Deegan said a bid of \$66,138 was received from MacDonald Motors for a 2016 Ford 550.

The board agreed to initially pursue a 2016 model because it would be delivered.

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SLIMED FOR A GOOD CAUSE-The Crescent Park School Student Council has been raising money for Halley Steward, a third-grader, who has been battling cancer for the past few years. They organized a "Slime Your Teacher" event for last Friday. Students, staff and others donated \$1 to designate a staff member to be slimed. Top vote-getters included Teaching Principal Levi Brown, teacher Renee Charette and music teacher Linda Stowell. Here, Brown and the guest of honor, Halley, get the treatment from teachers Kathy Conrad and Heidi Bullen in the school gym. After the event the Student Council presented the Steward family with a check for \$1,500. A. Aloisio

School tax shift panel now complete

Cole urges Bethel board to oppose formula change

By ALISON ALOISIO

Bethel and Woodstock selectmen recently appointed the towns' representatives to the SAD 44 funding formula committee, a panel that will consider a change to the local cost-sharing method among member towns for the school budget.

That brings the committee to full membership for the four district towns, and it is expected to organize shortly, according to SAD 44 Supt. Dave Murphy.

The formula process is happening concurrently with the ongoing Newry Withdrawal effort. The withdrawal process is intended to culminate in a vote by Newry on whether to withdraw from SAD 44.

It is currently stalled, however, as SAD 44 and Newry are at an impasse on negotiating a withdrawal agreement.

Regarding the funding formula, some Newry residents object to the town's share of the school budget, which is based entirely on

property valuation. Since 2005, most other districts in Maine have factored student population into their local formula, a move that, if implemented here, would shift some of Newry's costs to the other towns.

When the Legislature passed the 2005 law to take student population into account in addition to valuation, it exempted SAD 44 and SAD 6. Each has a small-population town with high valuation.

The formula committee appointees from Bethel are Selectman Peter Southam and resident Neil Scanlon. Bethel School Director Lainey Cross was appointed to the committee by the School Board, in keeping with a requirement for a school director from each town.

As the appointments were made at last week's Bethel selectmen's meeting, resident and former Bethel Town Manager Scott Cole offered his opinion on the upcoming process.

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Two new 5K races planned for Bethel

Two inaugural 5K fundraiser races will take place within two weeks of each other, with starts at the Crescent Park Elementary School in Bethel.

First up is the first annual Run/Walk 5K, on April 30, to benefit the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital.

The "Special Event Ambassador" will be third-grader Halley Steward, who has been battling leukemia and receiving treatment at the hospital.

The race, sponsored by Rite Aid Pharmacy, will take place at 9 a.m., with registration at 8 a.m.

Registration forms are available at Rite Aid, Telstar High School and Workout 24-7. Forms should be dropped off at Rite Aid by April 20.

ROTARY RACE
The second event, planned for May 14, is the Bethel Rotary's Inaugural May Day 5K Race, sponsored by the Bethel Family Health Center.

The course will wind through Bethel village, beginning and ending at CPS, according to a press

release. The event was created for parents and kids to engage in healthy pursuits and friendly competition. All proceeds will support after school enrichment programs, including music, art, physical fitness and other creative pursuits.

In addition to the 5K race, there will be a 1-mile fun run or walk. Both competitions will start at 10 a.m. and are open to all ages.

The Rotary Club encourages people to preregister online by visiting <https://www.runreg.com/bethel-rotary-may-day-5k>.

Preregistration cost for an adult is \$12. A team of four adults can preregister for \$45. Preregistration cost for a child is \$8. A team of four children can preregister for \$30. Commemorative t-shirts are guaranteed to the first 100 registrants.

Check-in and day-of registration will begin at 8 a.m. Day-of registration will be \$15 for an adult, \$10 for a child. Crescent Park School is located at 19 Crescent Street in Bethel.

'Building Kinder Communities' offered

By AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN

Children with disabilities represent the largest minority group in schools, nearly 17 percent.

In Maine, the Department of Education reports that 28,922 children receive services for disabilities, and that 97 percent of those children spend all or part of the school day in mainstream classrooms with their non-special-needs peers.

Yet despite this mainstreaming experience, children with disabilities are far more likely to be

excluded from social and educational opportunities and are teased, harassed, and bullied more than those without disabilities.

That's according to the Cromwell Center for Disabilities Awareness in Portland, which will present a free disabilities awareness program for parents, guardians, and school staff at Crescent Park School on Thursday, April 28 from 3 to 4:15 p.m.

"Building Kinder Communities" is an interactive program designed to help adults have positive conversations with chil-

dren about people with disabilities.

The program teaches participants to model positive attitudes and language, helping children to be more supportive and respectful of people with all types of special needs.

The U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights reports a growing number of cases of disability harassment in schools, with far-reaching effects that include lower academic achievement and aspirations, loss of self-esteem and confidence, and depression, anxiety, and post-traumatic stress.

The school drop-out rate for students with disabilities is twice that of their non-disabled peers, and the consequences of disability harassment persist into adult life.

Adults with disabilities have the highest rates of unemployment and poverty, are subject to more physical and sexual harassment, and are far

more likely to be excluded from social and professional opportunities.

The Cromwell Center seeks to break the cycle by teaching acceptance and understanding and building safer and more inclusive educational and social communities for children with special needs.

A strong connection to Bethel

Founded in 2003 by Jamie Kaplan and Irv Shapell, the Cromwell Center was named in honor of Jeremiah Cromwell, a resident of The Maine School for the Feeble Minded (later called Pineland Hospital and Training Center), according to Executive Director Susan Greenwood.

Jeremiah Cromwell died in 1928 at the age of 14 from appendicitis and was buried at the school after no family members came forward to claim his body. For 30 years, his grave was marked only by a small ce-

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Mahoosuc Kids Association & Bethel Recreation Department Spring Swim Lessons

Thursday afternoons - May 5, 12, 19, & 26th beginning at 3:30PM.

Times will be determined by class and participation. Classes offered in May - Parent and child (infant-2) Toddler/Preschool (ages 3-4) and Level 1: Introduction to Water skills.

This session is for our youngest swimmers, classes for school age swimmers will begin in July.

Swim lessons will be offered at the Riverview Pool

The price for lessons will be \$25 for one child or \$35 per family.

For sign up information contact

Julie Hart at

Mahoosuc Kids Association

824-7007 or mka@sad44.org.

ATTENTION TOWN OF BETHEL TAX PAYERS

This notice is to remind you that the second half of your Fiscal Year 2016 tax bill is due and payable May 2, 2016. Interest will begin to accrue May 3, 2016. For the amount owed, please refer to the bill that you received in the fall of 2015. If you have lost or misplaced your bill you may call the office at 207-824-2669 or email at info@bethelmaine.org for an amount owed.

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Letters

NHS BLOOD DRIVE

To the Editor:

The Telstar High School National Honor Society will be hosting its annual Red Cross blood drive on May 10 from noon to 5 p.m. in the Telstar Gym.

For those who wish to give blood, there are openings for whole blood donations and double red cell donations. Double red donation is a process by which a machine takes only red blood cells and returns plasma, platelets, and some saline solution to the donor's bloodstream. This form of donation will leave you feeling more hydrated after the donation, but it does take longer.

Whole blood donors are also needed and donors do not need to know their blood type. Anyone who is 17 or older can donate. Sixteen-year-olds can donate with signed parent/guardian consent as long as they meet the height and weight requirements.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment please talk to a Telstar National Honor Society member, call the Telstar High School Office at 207-824-2136, e-mail Sarah Southam, NHS Chapter advisor, at southams@sad44.org, go online to the Red Cross website redcross-blood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

There are limited slots, so please sign up soon! Please consider donating this year. There is no substitute for blood donations. Donating blood saves lives!

Savannah Vermette
Telstar NHS president

RELAY FOR LIFE THANKS

To the Editor:

On behalf of Relay For Life team Flying Monkeys, I would like to thank the Bethel Foodliner for allowing us to use their premises for our Bake/Raffle Sale last Saturday, April 16.

I also want to thank the generosity of everyone who contributed to help us raise money for the American Cancer Society's fight against cancer.

For anyone who missed it because our baked goods were sold out by noon, we will continue to sell Raffle tickets until the drawing on May 21. Tickets may be purchased at "We've Got the Look," 920 Main Street, Bethel, ME during business hours; online at flyingmonkeysrelay1@gmail.com; or at our yard sale fundraiser May 21 when the winners will be drawn.

Thank you again to Bethel Foodliner, Bethel area community and my amazing team Flying Monkeys.

Jeannie Rahilly, team captain
www.relayforlife.org/oxfordhillsme

CLARIFICATION

PARENT SPEAKER AT SCHOOL BOARD - The parent at last week's SAD 44 School Board meeting who was quoted praising the Telstar High School administration as "caring and...devoted" during the scheduling issue discussion was Philip Dine. He was not identified in the story.

NEWS AND PHOTOS FROM CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

The Citizen welcomes submissions of news items and photographs from local clubs and organizations.

News and photos can be submitted by e-mail: news@bethelcitizen.com.

The deadline for clubs and organizational items is Monday at 4:30 p.m., but earlier submission is appreciated.

All news articles should include the name and daytime telephone number of a contact person.

Photos: When submitting photographs, please identify the nature and date of the activity, the names of everyone shown in the photograph, and the name of the photographer. Please also provide the name and telephone number of a contact person.

Submissions can also be dropped off at The Citizen office (behind the Bethel Town Office) or mailed to P.O. Box 109, Bethel, ME, 04217. During non-business hours, items can be placed in the mailbox outside our office. For further information, call 824-2444.

Returns: Due to the volume of material passing through our office, we regret that we cannot be responsible for unsolicited hard copy submissions.

JOIN IN FOR GREEN UP DAY

To the Editor:

Join us Saturday, May 7, for Bethel's fourth annual Green-Up Day. Sponsored by the Bethel Conservation Commission, this is an opportunity for groups and individuals to work together to clean up our public places.

We will gather at 9 a.m. at Davis Park and Angevine Park to pick up trash bags and choose specific areas to clean in the parks, along roadsides, etc. Then we will disperse to pick up trash and redeemable bottles and cans. At about 11:30, we'll return to Davis Park to see how much we've picked up, take a group photo, partake of refreshments and celebrate a job well done! A group will also meet at 9 a.m. at Mt. Will to perform trail clean-up. Either opportunity is a great way for students to earn community service hours.

The Conservation Commission will provide safety vests, trash bags, water and Energy Cookies. You will need gloves, sturdy shoes, and clothing suitable for a sometimes dirty activity and the weather. If it's raining, we'll try again May 14th, same time, same station.

If you would rather clean the streets and roads near you, please tell Jessie Perkins at the Bethel Chamber of Commerce—824-2282 or jessie@bethelmaine.com—so the Commission can know that you are helping and where.

Join us May 7 to help clean-up—Green-up—our wonderful Bethel! Thank you!

Brendon Bass and Jackie Cressy
for the Bethel Conservation Commission

INTELLIGENT BEINGS?

To the Editor:

Richard Grover is clearly a very intelligent person. His follow up on the responses to his original letter about the role of human activity on global warming shows that he is well researched and willing to look at different sides of an issue.

Mr. Grover and so many other very intelligent and influential people are continuing to ignore the most important issue facing humans today, one that is responsible for creating and/or worsening so many of the other issues we are dealing with. Nobody wants to talk about it. OVERPOPULATION!

Normal animal population curves on a graph show an increase in population as resources are plentiful, followed by a decrease in population as the available resources become strained. Humans seem to think we are the only animal that is somehow exempt from these laws of nature.

In his letter, Richard mentions sustainable conservation measures and sustainable harvest practices. In college I studied sustainable agriculture but again, even in a college setting, nobody wanted to answer the question...sustainable at what level of overall resource use, sustainable at what level of human population, sustainable with what degree of quality of life?

I am encouraged that Mr. Grover does mention the importance of pursuing a decent quality of life (hopefully he is including ALL life, not just humans) but what is our vision for the future of humans on Earth? What is our plan for having 10 billion humans? 12 billion? We don't have one! Each country is in its own little world, growing its economy, planning for how it can compete to be the greatest country of all by having more of this and more of that. This "more is better" mentality really does ignore the laws of nature and can only lead to competition for resources and a lower quality of life for all living beings, not just humans. Why are intelligent people essentially allowing this to continue by ignoring it?

My e-mail is dancingowl@gwi.net. I would love to hear your responses either here in the paper or by e-mail.

Robert J. Dow
Waterford

ON THE NORTH CAROLINA 'BATHROOM LAW'

To the Editor:

Let's talk about North Carolina's new bathroom law ... or should I say a reinforcement of laws that have been on the books for years in North Carolina and in other states.

Simply put the law says that a person must use the bathroom facility that conforms to the gender on his or her birth certificate. So what's new? Did I miss something or does that not make sense?

So a man uses the men's room, a man dressed like a woman uses the men's room, a man who thinks he's a woman uses the men's room ... in other words - and this is revolutionary - if you are a man, please use the men's room ... thank you.

So why are corporations and our own mayor of Portland so infuriated with such a common sense law? Who knows except for the publicity and, heaven knows, our mayor has never been one to shy away from free publicity or jump on a bandwagon instead of some real independent thinking.

I guess I can't figure out why anyone in their right mind would want a man in the ladies' room with someone else's 10-year-old daughter just because he says he identifies as a woman. How do we know that and that he isn't some pervert! Oh! Come on folks, this can't be the first time a potentially horrifying incident like this has crossed your minds? Do companies, schools, government buildings, and churches have to put a guard on the ladies room door to screen 'men' who want to use the ladies room?

Sound ridiculous? Well, of course it is. About as ridiculous as those claiming the law takes away some of the rights of the LGBT crowd. When in America did the rights of the minority usurp the rights of the majority? Is this whole mess supposed to be progress?

Thanks for listening.

Carmine Castaldo
Bethel

From the Bethel Town Manager's Office

By Christine M. Landes

As always, it is my pleasure to provide this bi-weekly column for the citizens of Bethel.

The Recreation Department will soon be offering Funtown/Splashtown tickets. These tickets offer a day of fun at a drastically reduced price compared to the gate cost. Tickets will be available for purchase at the Town Office. Please call ahead to make sure they have arrived.

Babe Ruth Baseball (13-15) and Senior Softball registration is now open. The regular registration for spring t-ball, Cal Ripken baseball, and softball closed on April 17. For more information please contact our Recreation Director Sarah Tucker.

The Sewer Fees Committee submitted a proposed sewer rate increase to the Board of Selectmen on April 11. Realizing that the budget still was not in balance, they adjusted the proposal a bit and requested a public hearing be held on May 9 at 7 p.m. The Board of Selectmen will hear concerns and comments regarding the proposal at that time. After the close of the hearing, they will make a decision on the rate structure.

Also at the May meeting, public hearings will be held on proposed changes to the Shoreland Zone and Sign Ordinance. If you have any questions about the proposal please call the Town Office.

With the nicer weather, we are seeing more motorcycles on the road. As a reminder, all motorcycle registrations now expire in March. Please bring current proof of insurance, your old registration and mileage when registering the bike.

Last week, the airport's consultant (Stantec) and I held a pre-construction bid meeting with potential contractors for the lighting upgrade. We had three companies represented at that meeting. The project was reviewed and detailed with them. The bids are due on April 26, at which time they will be opened and reviewed for details. The town will then submit a grant application to the FAA for full funding of the project. When construction begins, there will be a fifteen day shutdown of the airport runway. I expect this project to occur in late summer. Stay tuned.

The second installment of FY'16 taxes is due May 2, 2016. Please be sure to get your taxes in on time to avoid a late charge.

Please remember if there is anything I, or the employees of the town, can do for you please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here for you.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community. The deadline is 4:30 p.m. Monday. Send letters to: Editor, Bethel Citizen, PO Box 109, Bethel, ME 04217-0109. Fax: 824-2426. E-mail: news@bethelcitizen.com.

Our Back Pages

By Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: There wasn't enough snow for the annual Pole, Paddle and Paw race, but longtime participants and friends gathered to celebrate the event with badminton and croquet.

The Red Hat Ladies celebrated spring with breakfast at the Sudbury Inn.

Births: Kadence Brianna Vaillancourt, Deserae Marie Hutchinson, River Lily Ann White-Rainey.

Deaths: Grace B. Bartlett, Holger V. Pulkkinen, Daniel A. Coulombe, Rupert A. Elliott, Dr. Kenneth A. Gluck, Edna E. White.

20 years ago: Five fifth graders, the Crescent Park Cruisers, raised \$4,085 for Maine Handicapped Skiing at the 11th annual ski-athon.

An increasing number of local loggers were carrying cellular phones into the woods with them for reasons of both safety and convenience.

Births: Melody Marie Hinckley, Brendan Michael Cordwell.

Deaths: Eleanor A. Emmons, Oscar M. Taylor, Nona E. Glazier, Roland C. Fryberg, Walter J. Patrick, Sr., Richard "Dicky" Baker.

30 years ago: Bethel Area Health Center official symbolically broke ground to mark the start of renovations to the former A&P building on Railroad Street.

In a stunning upset, Andover voters refused to accept the new ladder truck purchased by the Andover Firemen's Association.

Births: Garth Raymond Retallack, Kianne Janine Merrill.

Deaths: Edith Hayes Eypner, Sadie R. Herrick, Rhoda M. Vatcher.

40 years ago: Fred Mason, age 86, was presented the Boston Post Cane as the oldest resident of Locke Mills.

Mrs. R. M. Fleet, Sunday River, reported seeing the first robin of the season.

Deaths: Mrs. Miriam R. Boyker, Frederick R. MacKenzie, James E. Currier.

50 years ago: Bill Eames won the first place cup in the poetry division of the second annual Mountain Valley Conference public speaking contest with his rendition of "The Highwayman."

Sunday River Skiway was still operating with some of the best spring skiing in recent years. Good to excellent skiing was expected to last until mid-April.

Death: Helen D. Robinson.

60 years ago: John Greenleaf was the Oxford County delegate to the Farm and Home Week at Orono.

Deaths: John A. Angevine, Mrs. Mary Achenbach.

70 years ago: Bethel Girl Scouts Mother and Daughter banquet was held at the American Legion Home.

Deaths: Osgood J. Swan, Mrs. Dorothy Mills Amee.

80 years ago: Flood debris from Maine rivers was reported to be a menace to navigation off the coast south of Portland.

Deaths: Mrs. Lydia M. Goodwin, Mrs. Addie M. S. Stone, Rev. Charles E. Easternhouse, Mrs. Abbie Lowe, Mrs. Mary E. Swift, Mrs. Mabel York.

90 years ago: A large crowd attended the auction at the W. W. Hastings on Broad Street.

Death: Mrs. Wallace B. Cummings.

110 years ago: The Howard, which had been operated as a hotel for several years by Mrs. Sarah Putnam, was sold to Mr. Moses Hastings of Bangor, who planned to use it as a residence.

E. C. Bowler was in Brooklyn, NY, on business in connection with the installing of a linotype in the office of the News Publishing Co.

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"I would advise the board to push back on changing the formula between the towns," he said. Cole said the valuation-based formula "is the fairest way to allocate the cost."

He added, "Maine took a wrong turn about 10 years ago, except this district and another were exempted, and that was the right thing to do. The rest of the state should have done the same thing."

The funding formula committee members from the other towns are:

Woodstock: Marcel Polak (School Board), Ron Deegan (selectman), Mary-Ellen Gartner (citizen member)

Greenwood: Fred Henderson (selectman), Larry Merlino (citizen), Norman Millard (School Board)

Newry: Jim Largess (selectman), Bob Lowell (citizen), Whitney Gray (School Board)

OTHER BETHEL APPOINTMENTS

Bethel selectmen made several other appointments at last week's meeting. Sarah Southam was appointed to the Conservation Commission and Gabe Perkins to the Recreation Committee.

The board also accepted the resignation of Jarrod Crockett from the Bingham Forest Authority. The board received one application for the seat, from Jim Bennett, but they opted to re-advertise to try to get more applicants.

Selectmen also appointed Al Cressy and their own Pat Carter to the AARP Bethel Area Age-Friendly Community Network Advisory Council.

"I'm really excited about this," said Carter.

According to the program website, the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities "helps participating communities become great places for all ages by adopting such features as safe, walkable streets; better housing and transportation options; access to key services; and opportunities for residents to participate in community activities."

Bethel joined the effort last year and volunteers distributed and compiled a survey of the needs of residents. The most-cited concern of older residents was transportation, and a task force has begun work to organize a volunteer-based ride service.

Greenwood, Woodstock, and Newry have also been approved as members of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities.

Bethel volunteer Al Cressy said the multi-town regional network is the first of its kind in Maine in the AARP program.

Representatives from the other area towns are also expected to be appointed to the council, which will be responsible for reporting matters of interest to the respective selectboards. Additional council members-at-large will

be chosen by the council from the four towns. All members will serve three-year terms.

NOMINATION PAPERS

As of Tuesday incumbent selectmen Don Bennett and Stan Howe had returned nomination papers to run for re-election, according to town records.

Incumbent assessors Howe and David Luxon had also returned papers. None had been returned for School Board yet for the seats of incumbents Carol Everett and Elaine Cross.

HANCOCK REQUEST

In other business at last week's selectmen's meeting, a request was received from Hancock Lumber to consider placing before voters the possibility of accepting as a town road the entrance to the mill from Route 26.

According to Town Manager Christie Landes, private entities must pay a substantial fee to the St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad in order to cross the tracks.

Landes said there could be significant cost to bring the road up to town standards, along with future maintenance costs, but that might be negotiable with Hancock.

Selectmen were skeptical of setting such a precedent but asked for more information before ruling it out, in the interest of being supportive of local business.

Briefly

Newry sets withdrawal process vote hearing

NEWRY-Selectmen Tuesday approved ballot language for the June 14 vote on whether to stop the SAD 44 school withdrawal process, and they also set a date for a public hearing of May 17 on the issue, according to Town Administrator Amy Bernard. The wording is: "Do you want to stop the withdrawal process from MSAD 44?" The SAD 44 School Board had agreed to establish a funding formula committee (see related story, page 1) to study the possibility of changing the local formula by which school budget costs are shared among the district towns, with the stipulation that Newry hold a vote on whether to stop the ongoing withdrawal process. The town and district are currently in a stalemate on negotiating a withdrawal plan for Newry to vote upon. The public hearing on the June 14 vote will take place at 5 p.m. at the Bear River Grange Hall, prior to the regular selectmen's meeting. There

will be two other items on the hearing agenda, Bernard said - changes to the Fire Department ordinance to update language to reflect some current practices, and a proposed property swap at the Head of Tide Cemetery.

SAD 44 fiscal sponsor for MMGM for grant apps

BETHEL-The SAD 44 School Board voted unanimously at its April 11 meeting to allow the district to be designated as fiscal sponsor for the Maine Mineral and Gem Museum and to establish a restricted MMGM project fund. The designation allows MMGM to apply for educational grants. SAD 44 Superintendent David Murphy said students from the Telstar Freshman Academy have already been to the museum to attend a class taught by MMGM Curator Carl Francis and the district is looking ahead to more collaboration with MMGM in the future.

Program

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ment cylinder stamped with his patient ID number.

"We want to make sure that no one with any kind of disability will ever again experience the profound isolation in life and anonymity in death of Jeremiah Cromwell," said Greenwood.

She said the Cromwell Center has a strong connection to Bethel.

"One of our founding board members and strongest supporters is entrepreneur Les Otten, co-founder of Maine Energy Systems," she said.

The Cromwell Center receives much of its funding from The Bingham Trust, a private charitable trust founded in 1935 by Bethel resident and philanthropist William Bingham II, said Greenwood.

"Each year we bring programs to Bethel area elementary schools and have reached thousands of area children since our programs began in 2004," she said.

"Include everyone. Be kind."

SAD 44 social worker Kaitia Colombotos said the Cromwell Center presents classroom programs to the district's first through sixth graders with the aim of developing curiosity and understanding and promoting inclusion.

She first heard of the program several years ago from the parent of a child with a disability, who learned about the Cromwell Center from Otten, now its chairman emeritus. Initially, staff from the center worked with the district's third, fourth, and fifth graders.

"That was about six years ago, and since then the program has expanded to include all grades from one to six and, most recently, adults," Colombotos said, adding that the Cromwell teachers address disabilities that

can be easily identified, as well as those that may not be readily evident.

"We can become confused by behaviors related to disabilities we don't see or understand, and that can lead to impatience and judgment," she said.

"The Cromwell Center programs help us notice that we all have some limitations as well as strengths, and that taking time to walk in someone else's shoes can lead to tolerance, understanding, and gratifying relationships."

"This program is great," said CPS PTA treasurer Haley Tripp, whose two children have participated in the Cromwell Center's classroom programs.

"It gets kids thinking and asking questions and provides answers for them about people with disabilities. This program makes kids aware of differences in people but also makes them realize that people with disabilities are not so different."

Fourth grader Blake Tripp said the program had taught her that "even though you have a disability it doesn't mean you can't do stuff."

For example, she said, "a football player who is big and strong and famous had a disability—he was deaf—but he was still able to play his sport."

"A girl had a prosthetic leg and she could still run," added her brother, David Tripp. "A disability is something you have that is part of you and it doesn't go away, but that doesn't mean it should hold you back from the things you love."

Haley Tripp said when she asked her children what they had learned, they were able to sum it up simply: "Include everyone when playing. Just treat people with disabilities like everyone else. Be kind."

"An 'echo' effect"

The Cromwell Center's programs for elementary schools take a two-tiered approach to promoting disabilities awareness, breaking down stereotypes, and teaching empathy and inclusion, according to the center's website. Since 2004, their programs for students have reached over 70,000 children in 3,700 elementary classrooms throughout southern and central Maine, helping them to view disabilities as an aspect of human diversity and promoting increased understanding of all types of disabilities.

A recent grant from the Bingham Trust enabled the Cromwell Center to develop the 75-minute interactive Building Kinder Communities program, and to present it to parents, guardians, and school staff in Maine elementary schools.

According to the website, "By supplementing our classroom sessions with this program, we create an 'echo' effect with the lessons resounding back and forth between parents, children, and schools."

"We don't teach about particular disabilities or do 'show and tell' or simulations. Instead, we change attitudes."

Free childcare will be provided during the April 28 program by the Mahosuc Kids Association. Refreshments will be served, and participants will receive take-home resources and activities to share with their children. For more information, call the CPS office at 824-2839.

Details on the meeting:
What: "Building Kinder Communities" disabilities awareness program for parents and teachers
When: Thurs., April 28, 3-4:15 p.m.
Where: Crescent Park School cafeteria
FMI: 824-2839

Woodstock

Continued from page 1

ered sooner. If one is not available, they said, they would go for a 2017 for \$150 more.

Selectmen also authorized Town Manager Vern Maxfield to sign a purchase and sale agreement for \$65,000 for the MDOT garage, which will be used by PACE ambulance and for equipment storage by the town.

Maxfield said there has also been a request from the State Police to have a desk in the ambulance living area there for troopers to do paperwork.

That would be a benefit for the town, he said. "It will provide a little more security," said Maxfield.

Also approved was the purchase, for \$7,900, of an LED electronic sign to be placed near the road at the Town Office. Maxfield said one had been found that "better suits the town's purposes than the one they originally planned on. The one they chose is smaller, he said, as well as "brighter and sharper."

The board also dealt with two road issues.

They received a letter from resident Tom Hartford expressing safety concerns about current parking at the upper end of the Mills Road.

Maxfield said people were parking on both sides of the road, across Route 26 from the trail entrance to Buck's Ledge. He said Hartford suggested that no parking be allowed on a stretch of the road at that end.

But the officials expressed skepticism on how well the restriction would be observed.

Selectman Mike Nadeau suggested Maxfield contact a property owner next to the road to ask about possibly getting permission to create a parking lot there.

"That would give the problem," he said. The board agreed to have Maxfield look into it.

On another road question, the selectmen voted to have Maxfield take steps to get the information needed for the board to vote to extend the end section of the dead-end Parker Road, which Maxfield said had been maintained in at least 28 years.

The board also briefly discussed with Hopps injuries to two firefighters, who he said had slipped and fallen on ice near the Fire Station this winter.

Hopps said the injuries would have been preventable with sanding, and procedure would be followed to ensure that happens in the future.

The board also agreed with Hopps that a capital improvement plan is needed for the FD for more orderly replacement of equipment. Hopps and Maxfield will put together a five-year plan for selectmen to consider.

CHURCH UPDATE

An update on the status of the Union Church building in South Woodstock, Maxfield said Wednesday that he had spoken with a person who is interested in taking down the building for the purpose of reusing its old wood in construction projects.

The arrangement is not yet finalized, however, Maxfield said.

The town had tried to sell the 19th-century building with the stipulation that it be moved off the site, but there were no takers.

Selectmen earlier this year planned tentatively to allow the Fire Department to burn the structure as a training exercise, but then relented and sought another resolution.

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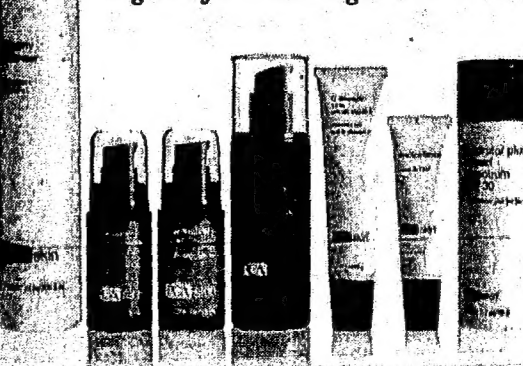
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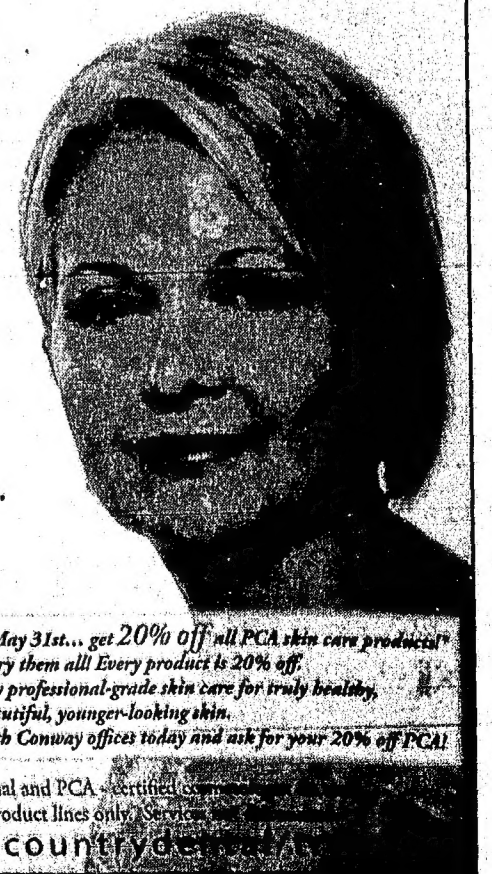
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Jeri Greenwell receives CDC award for advocacy

Bethel resident Jeri Greenwell was recognized this week as the Maine recipient of the Center for Disease Control's Childhood Immunization Champion Award, given jointly by the CDC Foundation and CDC, according to the CDC website.

The award honors people who are doing an exemplary job or going above and beyond to promote childhood immunizations in their communities.

The website said the following about Greenwell, who is an immunization advocate: "Losing a loved one can change one's life forever. In April 2003, Ms. Jeri Greenwell's son, Jerry, died from meningococcal meningitis. This tragedy had a tremendous impact on Ms. Greenwell. Her personal loss motivated her to become an advocate for childhood immunizations and prevent other mothers from experiencing the same misfortune."

For the past 13 years, Ms. Greenwell has been actively involved in educating nurses, parents, and others about the importance

of immunization. She has advocated for improved immunization practices at both the local and state levels. She stresses to families how immunization protects children from deadly diseases, and in doing so, she tells her own story. She



works tirelessly with political leaders and others to change policies around childhood immunization. Most notably, Ms. Greenwell played an influential role in the development of Maine's Universal Childhood Immunization Program, which provides im-

munization coverage to all children in Maine.

Ms. Greenwell's devotion to the cause has not gone unnoticed. She has been recognized by local, state, and national organizations for her contributions to the field. In 2012, the National Meningitis Association presented her with the Moms on Meningitis Outstanding Service Award in appreciation of her hard work.

Ms. Greenwell's unwavering dedication to educating families and improving childhood immunization policies makes her Maine's CDC Childhood Immunization Champion.

The full list of 2016 immunization champions can be found at: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niiw/champions/profiles2016.html>.

The CDC has updated its vaccines website for parents (<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/index.html>), which includes information about the vaccines children need, the diseases that vaccines prevent, and the latest vaccination coverage estimates.

Bethel

By DON BENNETT



Planning Workshop at The Gem
About 30 people attended a Bethel Area Nonprofits workshop on Thursday at the Gem Theater. Sara Shifrin led the workshop: gather ideas, select an idea and make a plan to put the idea on wheels. To challenge the idea and make it effective/profitable the key would be positive answers to the "5 Whys" about the idea in the plan.

Our research challenge was "How might the Gem's location be an asset to the Bethel Village?" To come up with a plan, the group broke up into pairs with one questioner and one respondent: Sharon Lyon was my questioner. It was a fun period but I had to leave before the workshop was over. A question I had from the presentation and group planning theme: Is The Gem considered "in the village?" I do remember attending a similar "visioning" workshop at Ordway Hall not too many years ago.

Big Doings at the Good Food Store
The store building is getting a dose of improve-

ments, rehabbing and expansion. You know that it will be a first class job since Dave Berry has his hands on it. Inside the rejuvenated building you will see a number of changes and improvements to make for better service, displays and catering prep. Heather and Dave plan for part of the store to be open again this Thursday, April 21.

Skee Spree Day #2 at Sunday River
Three activities at Sunday River today (Saturday): skiing, tail gate parties and a layout of old Sunday River Skiway photos, posters and memorabilia. There was also a silent auction layout. The Barker Mt. area parking lot was full to overflowing - cars lined the road into Barker's parking lot. Beautiful sunny day.

Sun Valley Self Storage
Lisa Freda's Sun Valley Sports lot on the Sunday River Road has a new owner who is putting in self storage facilities. Current work is to modify an existing building and foundation for a new building has been poured.

Pathway Bridge Work
Dave Berry and company were replacing weakened or damaged timbers in the Pathway Covered Bridge Saturday morn-

ing. Mr. Berry said that a driver had mistaken the Pathway for the road and drove into the bridge then when backing out apparently hit some of the timbers as well.

Also "kids" have reached up to grab hold of a timber and swing from the timber which was more stress than the timbers were intended to stand. Looked through town reports for when bridge was built but did not see a date or mention of the bridge.

80 Years Ago - The Flood of 1936
On Friday the 13, in March 1936 the Citizen reported that Lewiston newspapers were delivered to Bethel by airplane. Where the plane landed was not reported. At that time Bethel airport was located in West Bethel; but West Bethel may have been cut off from the village by high water.

The 1936 spring flood has become known as the 100 year flood because of its high water mark. In Mayville, the flood crested at twenty-seven feet six inches above the river bank. Bethel Village was virtually cut off from other towns until the flood subsided. Loss of electricity in Bethel caused the Bethel Citizen to miss one week's publication. Major flooding occurred

Greenwood Selectmen's meeting minutes

April 5, 2016

1. Open Meeting - Chair Henderson called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. with Selectman Arnold Jordan, Selectman Amy Chapman, Town Manager Kimberly Sparks, and Deputy Clerk Angela Lovejoy in attendance.
2. Pledge of Allegiance - Recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Warrants - It was motioned and seconded to accept Warrant #39 (\$13,435.96), Warrant #40 (\$28,345.89), and Warrant #41 (\$20,124.18). Motion passed 3-0.
4. Minutes - It was motioned and seconded to accept the minutes of March 15, 2016 as written. Motion passed 3-0.
5. Comments from the Public - No one was pres-

ent to comment. No Selectboard members were contacted outside the meeting.

6. Ballot Clerks - Town Manager Sparks passed out copies of appointment paperwork from the recent caucuses for Carol Henderson, Gary Fuller, Leonard Hoy, Anita Hakala, Allison Ives, Ann Holt, Lorraine Duclos, and Rosemary McLean. Selectman Jordan motioned and Selectman Chapman seconded to appoint those listed above as ballot clerks for the Town of Greenwood. Motion passed 3-0.

7. Town Assessment Revaluation - Chair Henderson said he thought it was the Selectmen's responsibility to have assessments and taxes as fair as possible. Town Manager

Sparks said the Town's bond rating was affected by assessments also. Selectman Chapman asked if the Town of Woodstock was still going to do a revaluation without grant funds. Sparks said yes and Greenwood was still able to work with them to save on costs.

8. Appointment papers for MSAD Cost Sharing Committee - The Board signed appointment papers for Fred Henderson and Larry Merlino.

9. Budget Hearing and Public Hearing on Site Plan Amendment - Town Manager Sparks mentioned she was hoping to wrap up the budget the following night. She said the Planning Board was not ready to bring the proposed amendments to the Shoreland Zoning Ord-

nance forward yet. The amendments to the Site Plan Ordinance included wind power regulations. The Board decided to have both hearings after the next regular Board meeting.

10. MEMA Tabletop Exercise for Dam - Town Manager Sparks mentioned a mock disaster for the dam was scheduled for July 21, 2016.

11. MDOT Radar Trailer Loan - Town Manager Sparks said the Town was scheduled to have the trailer from August 22, 2016 to September 4, 2016. She asked the Board to let her know what streets they would like to see the trailer set on.

12. Mowing Bid Process - Town Manager Sparks said that Wesley Cox, who had won the mowing bid for the last 5-6 years, suggested the Board to put out a bid for a three year term. He told Sparks this would help him better plan for purchasing new equipment, etc. Chair Henderson said Cox could put in a one year bid and a three year bid if he wished. Jordan said if the Board gave the bid to a new person they might not want to give a three year term in case the workmanship was not as expected during the first year. Henderson agreed that the Town should have something in writing that allowed the

Town to let a mower go for poor performance. Selectman Chapman agreed.

13. Meetings and Events - Town Manager Sparks mentioned the following meetings and events: April 6, 2016 Budget Meeting at 6 p.m. at the Town Office; April 19, 2016 Selectboard meeting at 5 p.m. at the Town Office; and G&W meeting at 6 p.m. at the Woodstock Town Office; April 27, 2016 AOCC Rail Coalition meeting at 11 a.m. at AVGO; May 3, 2016 Selectboard meeting at 5 p.m. at the Town Office.

14. Adjourn - It was motioned and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:23 p.m. Motion passed 3-0.



The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

From the TWIST archives: The political season is certainly in full swing. As mud season approaches not all the mud will be in driveways and dirt roads. There will be plenty of it being slung at and by political candidates.

I don't pay much attention to any of it. It seems to me that most of the candidates have a lot to say about what their opponents will do badly or won't do at all. It doesn't seem like they have a lot to say about what they themselves really can and will do if they are elected.

I have yet to hear a single candidate say, "There are a real mess and there isn't much I can do to fix it, but I'll try my best."

It's really hard to figure out who the best candidate for the job is. They tell us only what they want "we the people" to hear or what they think "we the people" want to hear. Their opponents tell us it's all lies with the other guy or gal and the truth when they say it.

These are the people who, if elected will be making the decisions that will affect you and me... "we the people."

I have a better idea than politics as usual. It's too late for this election year, but for future elections it should be made a law.

When anyone decides to run for the Oval Office, the House or Senate here's what they should have to do before they throw their proverbial hats in the ring... spend a year as one of us... "we the people."

They would have to live in a regular everyday apartment or house and pay rent/mortgage, heat, electricity, telephone, insurance, taxes and all the other usual cost of living. And they would have to

cover those costs of living expenses by holding down an everyday type of job. Let's say and \$8 to \$10 an hour job. Their spouses can work too for a similar wage just a most of "we the people" do.

Naturally, out of that wage will come federal and state taxes, FICA and health insurance, if they are fortunate enough to work for a company that offers it.

Since most of the people who run for elected office on this level are adult children they would be loaned two or three young children so they can have

Their opponents tell us it's all lies with the other guy or gal and the truth when they say it.

the full experience of "we the people." At least once during that year the everyday type of car they have to make monthly payments from their meager wages, will be rigged to breakdown, like maybe three weeks before Christmas.

If they are very lucky they will be able to go the full year without having to deal with any prescription drugs, but with two or three children that is unlikely. I would imagine that coping with the real world would lead to at least a prescription for Prozac.

If they are also very, very lucky they won't have any medical or dental issues come up to test just how good or bad their health and dental insurances re-

ally are, assuming they have health and dental insurance that is.

They will, however, need to have regular medical and dental check-ups for them and the kids. I wonder how they would budget for that.

Again, if they're very lucky those check-ups won't fall during heating or holiday seasons on when back to school shopping is a necessary expense.

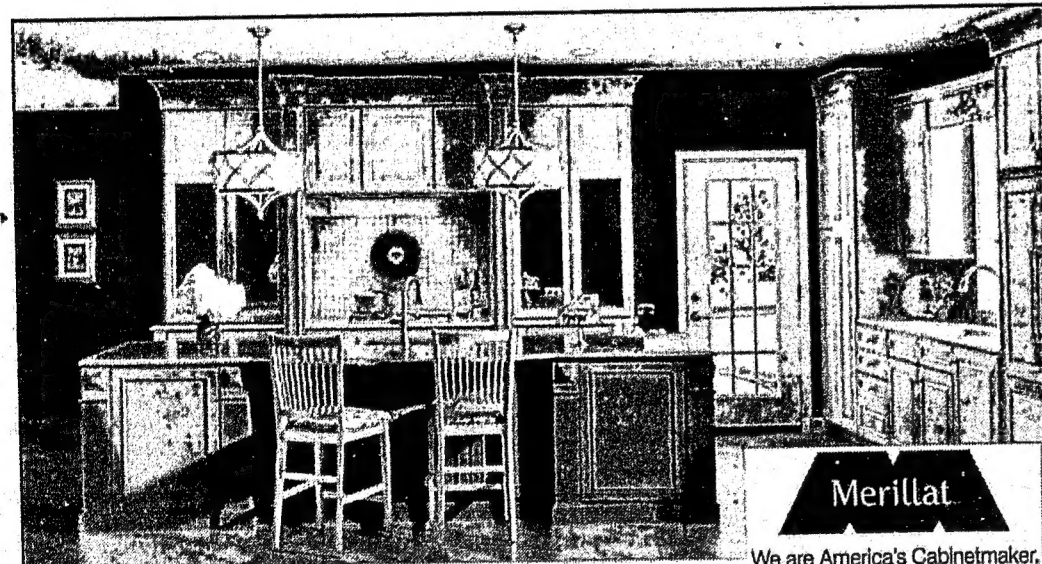
And, if their luck holds during that year their furnace will not break down, no appliances will go on the fritz and none of the kids will get into any kind trouble.

After the would-be candidates have lived this life for a year, then and only then could they have any insight in making any decisions for "we the people" because this is what faces most of "we the people" every day.

I know the idea of the politicians walking a mile in our shoes by living a year of our lives is just fantasy, however, I do believe that the learning experience for them might give them a different perspective when they have to deal with issues such as health care, education and Social Security.

Imagine if the politicians who end up grilling the big oil company executives about the multi-billion dollar profits had spent a winter on macaroni and cheese in order to heat their homes. The questions might be a little harder edged.

Imagine if the people in the position to make decisions concerning our lives had actually lived them the way I see it, that would be a very good thing for "we the people."



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In the 1927 flood there were three temporary bridges washed out: one over Sunday River on route 2/26, one over the Androscoggin where the bridge is now being repaired and one over Pleasant River in West Bethel.

Eva Bean ("East Bethel Road") wrote that the flood prevented the trains from getting through for two days. Flooding in Rumford Falls ended operations of the Rumford Falls and Rangeley Lakes Railroad.

My Grandmother Crosby's family history: Weather was mild with heavy rains. Earl Williamson went to town from my grandparents' place in Sunday River on March 22nd and had to go part of the way by boat.

My Bennett grandparents' homestead was located in Mayville on the lot between Sport Thoma and Gourmet in a Pinch. In 1936 the Bennetts were the only milk dealers on Route 2 in Mayville. No milk deliveries were made into Bethel for a couple of days. In the 1927 flood Laurence Lord had provided a motor so that milk could be transported across the river into the village.

In the 1953 flood Burt Newton and Pete Baker ferried milk from our dairy, Riverside Farms, into the village and unloaded the milk cases near the railroad station.

Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



The temperature in Bethel on Sunday, April 17, was 75 degrees.

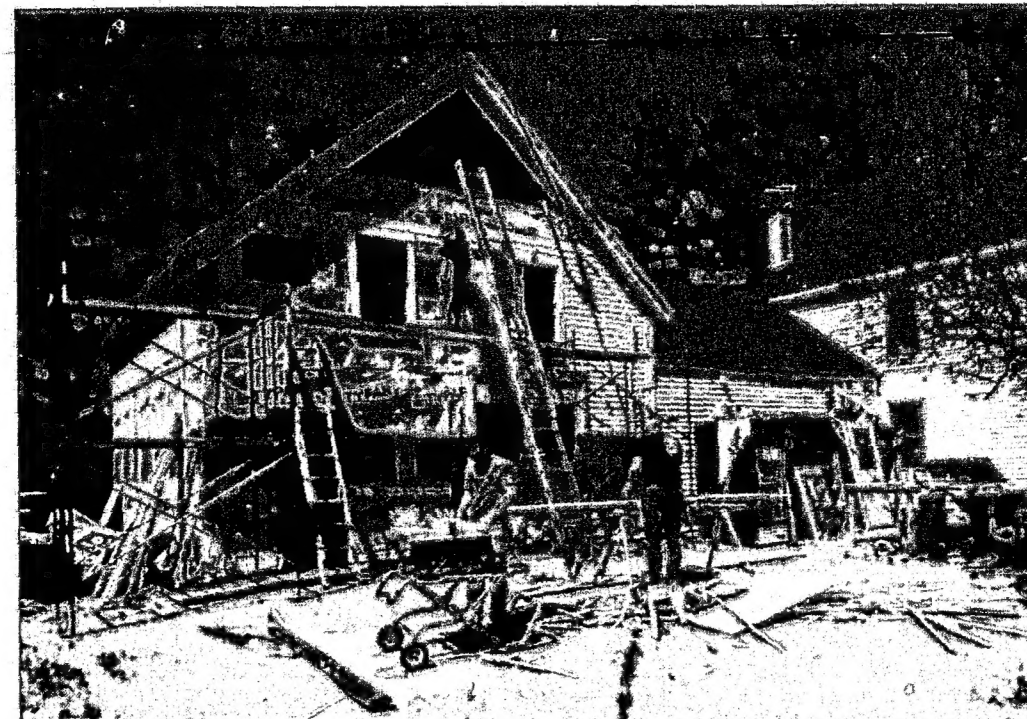
Daffodils and vinca (also known as periwinkle and myrtle) are blossoming. If you drive south on Route 26 note the beautiful daffodils on the bank in front of the Paws Inn. A little to our south in Oxford dandelions are blossomed, which means this is the time to dig young dandelions. They are good in salads or sautéed in olive oil and garlic with a little sea salt.

I heard peepers on Sunday night. Like many people, I have never seen a peeper. They are tiny (1 to 1.5 inches long) well-camouflaged amphibians that live in the woods near wetlands. One of the first signs of spring is the loud chorus of male peepers who chirp and whistle to attract females. Peepers have large toe pads so they can climb, but spend most of their lives on the ground where they can catch spiders, ants, and beetles. In the winter they hibernate under logs and in the loose bark of trees. Interesting fact about the peepers: they can allow most of their bodily fluids to freeze during winter hibernation and still survive. Peepers are difficult to see for several reasons; they are small (the size of a paperclip), nocturnal, and a large group of peepers can be heard up to two



At the former Sun Valley Sports property on the Sunday River Road, work has started on a self storage center. (See Bethel Bennett column for more.)

D. Bennett



Work going on at the Good Food Store is headed at expanding the business's facilities, more modern heating and cooling plus improvement for customer shopping and catering preparations. (See Bethel Bennett column for more.)

D. Bennett



Saturday's work in progress repairing and replacing brace timbers of the Pathway Covered Bridge. (See Bethel Bennett column for more.)

D. Bennett

miles away, making it difficult to pinpoint their location. They will continue their nighttime singing until the end of mating season, which lasts until June.

Despite the warm weather and spring flowers, there was still a small patch of icy snow behind our house on Sunday night and I could still see the snow on Mt. Abram.

The price of gasoline is still going up. This weekend a gallon of gas cost \$2.18 in Bethel. The national average was \$2.11; Maine's average cost was \$2.19. A month ago, on March 19, gasoline was \$1.94 a gallon here. At the end of February gas cost \$1.77 a gallon.

The peak time for the Lyrid meteor shower, the first meteor shower of the year, is tomorrow morning, April 22, just before

dawn. Unfortunately, this is almost the exact time as the full moon, which will wash out most meteor viewing. However, if you are up before dawn, try watching. It's possible that some bright meteors might be visible despite the moonshine.

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brown-nancy1950@gmail.com.

West Bethel

By KAREN PAUL



The result of my cross country adventure remains a well lit ornament on my tree of life.

Not all the occasions of the journey soothed me or even pleased me as my earlier account may have expressed. Some interactions were actually akin

to torture. Each exchange gave me a new challenge and as I sailed through high seas and weathered the storms, I realized how my intentions to always try kindness were often foiled. Stress and sleep deprivation fed my frustrations and at times I realized prayers and self talk worked and sometimes she growled. Life's events embellish the evergreen branches adorning our character.

Now for a bit of local news: Cathryn Lovejoy's grandson Shane and wife Kristina visited last Sunday. Cathryn, Mr. & Mrs. Ernie Yap and Marilyn Wheeler Estrada attended a cousins supper with 11 cousins present.

The Old Road was abuzz this week with old friends from the neighborhood around cleaning up, raking, and trimming trees.

From the

OCSD Patrol Log

Tuesday, April 12

At 3:10 p.m. Deputy Mike Fitzmorris stopped a vehicle for a known suspended driver. Shana Dutterer, 23, of Bethel was summonsed for operating after suspension and violation of bail.

At 6:24 p.m. Deputy Andy Whitney received a report of an unwanted person in Bethel. A subject was contacted and given a verbal harassment and trespass warning.

Wednesday, April 13

At 8 a.m. Deputy Mike Fitzmorris stopped a vehicle in Bethel. Kim Villacci, 47, of Bryant Pond was summonsed for operating after suspension.

At 2:49 p.m. Deputy Mike Fitzmorris received a report from Broad Street in Bethel that a group of juveniles were looking to break into a local residence. The residence was found to have recent damage to it for possibly entry. The building was cleared by deputies and no one was found to be inside.

Friday, April 15

At 8:23 a.m. Deputy Derek MacDonald took a report of a stolen bicycle on Vernon Street in Bethel.

At 9:29 p.m. Deputy Josh Aylward responded to the West Bethel Road in Bethel for a report of several subjects fighting, possibly a road rage incident. On arrival all parties had left.

Saturday, April 16

At 5:09 p.m. Deputy Matt McDonnell responded to Bethel for a reported assault. The complainant only wanted the incident documented and did not want the other party charged.

At 9:22 p.m. Deputy Derek MacDonald took a report of an assault involving juveniles on Cross Street in Bethel.

Monday, April 18

At 8:30 a.m. a subject reported losing a fly fishing rod in the area of Elm and Railroad streets in Bethel. Deputy Mike Fitzmorris was assigned.

From the

OCSD Jail Log

April 18, 1:33 a.m.: Kevin A. Rosenberg, 38, of Greenwood, OUI; by Officer Josh Smith in Woodstock.

I had a great visit with Sonny and Arlene Bean reminiscing about the old days, politics, and the future. The spring bulbs are flowering and many perennials are popping their green leaves from the cold ground. My popples are up and looking very thrifty this week.

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



I hope everyone got to enjoy the nice weather this past weekend.

Last Saturday a friend of mine was in town and she and I took advantage of warm temperature, taking a nice walk.

Last week one news item came in a bit late. Linda Olson crossed one more item off of her bucket list. She bought a baby grand piano recently and is taking lessons. Way to go Linda.

Just as a reminder, call me at 507-1008 or e-mail heinrichcracker@gmail.com by Monday afternoon in order to put your news

in the paper. Thank you.

When you see Paul and Charlotte Kimball, please wish them a Happy Anniversary. On Wednesday, April 20 they celebrated their 53rd anniversary. Happy Anniversary and many happy returns from the whole neighborhood.

Several months ago, I had told you that Charlotte had suffered a heart attack. Heard that from various sources and really didn't want to call as I felt it was inappropriate. Charlotte is recovering well, yet not from a heart attack. Paul explained to me what really had happened. She had encephalitis/meningitis on the brain, caused by the chicken pox virus which also causes shingles. In her case it (the virus) did not attack the skin rather the neurological system. Luckily a doctor figured it out in time. What a frightening thing to go through! Be well, Charlotte.

Alder River Grange met at the hall April 8 with eight members present. It was voted to donate some money to the Bethel Area Food Pantry. Happy Earth Day.

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Hanover

By MARIA HOLLOWAY



Although we experienced warm, summer-like temperatures this

weekend, we could still enjoy the majesty of Mt. Washington in her full winter white! A drive over the Rumford Point Bridge offered a magnificent view of the rock pile in all her glory—a mound of pure, bright white against a cloudless blue sky. How fortunate we are to be able to witness her beauty even if from miles away.

This past Sunday sometime before 4 p.m., several firefighters were at the scene along the east bound side of Main St. Rt. 2 in Hanover. Apparently roadside brush caught fire along the stretch of road between the Sunflower Farm and the Town Office, but firefighters were able to get in under control. The Maine Forest Service had declared the fire danger to be high this past weekend. As we continue through the dry spring season please be aware of the fire danger and take extra precautions. Burn permits are required and are granted only during Class 1 or Class 2 days. Please visit the Maine Forest Service online for daily updates.

Condolences go out to the family of Gordon "Gordie" Howe who died last Wednesday, April 13, at the Maine Veterans' Home in South Paris. He was 83. Gordie was a resident of Hanover for many years. He was the former Hanover Postmaster and the proprietor of the landmark Gordie Howe's Store on Main St.

Gordie was born in Williamsburg, Mass. He graduated from Gould Academy and also served in the US Army. He was predeceased by his wife, Joan, and a son, Andrew, and leaves five children—Christopher, Matthew, Kevin, Ryan and Elaine—a sister Patricia, and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A mass will be held at the Parish of the Holy Savior on Saturday, April 23 at 10am followed by a burial at the Hanover Cemetery. Donations in his memory may be made to Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice of Lewiston. For more information, please visit www.meadersandson.com.

Missing kitty: A reward is offered for the return of a missing white, 15 year old Kitty named Ivy. She is wearing a green collar and was lost from Howard Pond Road. Please call Maryanne Forbes at

207-364-2525 if you find her or if you have any information about her whereabouts.

Ellie Andrews is home and recovering from knee surgery. We wish you the best, Ellie, and look forward to your return to the Town Office soon.

Stay tuned for more information about the town-wide cleanup. A date will soon be determined when citizens of the Town join forces to clean up the grounds around the Town Office and along the roadsides of Hanover.

As you go about your spring cleaning chores, please consider gathering gently used items and books for the Library's annual fall Yard Sale and Book Sale. More information will follow regarding drop off times and location. (Clothing will not be accepted and we please ask that all donations be gently used.)

Some Town residents have asked, "Where is The Gathering Place?" It's at the Library. Not only is the Library a resource for books but has become the place to meet for casual, friendly conversation. Adults as well as children are welcome to join in, so feel free to stop by when the Library is open.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



We are finally getting some weather that makes it seem like spring is

here and summer will be coming along before too long.

My brother, Steve McLain, reported that he is beginning to see some spring flowers. The daffodils near the house are coming up.

Lise McLain attended the Bethel Senior Club luncheon last week at Rooster's Roadhouse in Bethel. She, also, conducted the meeting for the group.

Mary Tyler called to tell me that she has heard the 'peepers' in the little boggy area across from her house. She also noticed that the swallows have arrived.

Our granddaughter, Sidney Chapman, spent last Saturday night at our house. Of course, the granddog, Chloe, came with her. They are a package deal. Tim and Michele were celebrating their first anniversary with a weekend away.

Grammy, Grampa, Sidney and Chloe headed for Bethel last Sunday to do some shopping. Sidney needed to pick up a couple of things for her parent's anniversary. After shop-



NEW ROTARY MEMBER—The Bethel Rotary Club recently inducted Paul Motts of Bethel as a new member. Motts and his wife, Gretchen, are new to the area, moving to Bethel from Cuyahoga, Ohio, according to the club. He worked as a park ranger for the Cuyahoga Valley National Park and is now retired. Motts is also a naturalist and plans to do programs for the Mahosuc Land Trust. Pictured are, from left: Rotary President Kevin Finley, member proposer Scott Hynek and Motts.

Submitted photo

ping, we went to Pat's Pizzeria for lunch.

Gilead Historical Society

The GHS will have a planning meeting on Saturday, May 7 at the Town Office to finalize plans for the June 25 Annual Event. The meeting will begin at 1 p.m.

We are planning on a Crock Pot Pot Luck Lunch again with a program afterwards. Besides this event being a great way to get together with family and friends, it is a major fund raiser for the GHS. It is open to the public and there is always plenty of delicious hot dishes, salads and desserts.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or email chapmal@hotmail.com

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



Friday, April 15 I drove by the boat landing on Umbagog Lake in Cambridge,

New Hampshire. I could see no ice. So, sometime during last week ice out happened.

The Upton Historical Society held their first meeting of 2016 Sunday. Twelve members and one guest attended. The Society members discussed upcoming summer events and learned a little about cemetery stone cleaning and preservation.

Letter B Notch Rider also had a meeting Sunday. They elected officers, voted in two board of directors and discussed trail conditions.

No prize money check this week. I don't know how much further we can stretch the one we received two weeks ago.

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your local news.

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



Sorry I missed last week, but too many things to do at once and too little

time. David came home last week after a week in hospitals - three in all - sporting a brand new pacemaker. Aside from new scars and a little less freedom to do certain things like weld, etc. he appears to be healing well. I continue to take two exercise classes and it helps some, but I continue to suffer from Lyme problems, including pain. Someday...

There is an additional Lyme Support group meeting the third Saturday per month at the Fare Share Commons from 1-3 in the afternoon. There is still the original meeting on the last Tues of the month from 6-8 p.m. All are welcome at both. Please call 743-0583 for info.

Thursday, April 21, in Waterford, at the Wilkins house, there is a community potluck at 6 p.m. Please bring a main dish, salad or desert. Hosts are the Murphys. FMI please call: 583-6677.

On April 23 there will be a spaghetti supper fundraiser for Mike, Linda and Derrick Korhonen from 5-7 p.m. at the Deering United Methodist in South Paris. They lost their home to fire and have no insurance. Donations accepted at the door. Checks may be made out to Linda and Mike Korhonen.

Seniors Plus will be in Norway April 20 from 1-4 p.m. at the Norway Town office. To make a reservation please call 1-800-427-1241.

Wednesday, April 27 Democrats will hold a campaign kick-off at the First Congo Church in South Paris. Social time begins at 5 p.m. and din-

ner at 5:30. Mike Tipping of Maine People's Alliance and former Mine Per Emily Cain of Orono will speak.

Menu includes chicken plus a vegetarian quiche option. \$10 person \$8 for students and seniors. Tickets may be reserved by calling 875-2116.

That will be all for this week. Stay safe, dry and warm and have a great week. To send me info for this column please call 743-0583.

Andover

By JANE RICH



Cabot Lodge #117 is proud to announce that their bowling team

took second place in the Knights of Pythias Bowling Tournament on April 10 in Augusta. The Knights competed against six other teams. The Grand Chancellor of this fraternal organization was hosted at a supper and meeting in the Town Hall where Cabot Lodge on Monday, April 18.

The Fiddlehead Festival Committee held a meeting on Friday to discuss plans for the first ever celebration to be held on Saturday, May 7 from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. The days events will be kicked off with a pancake breakfast at Mills' Market. A Show and Shine Parade at 10 a.m. will line up in Costa's driveway (The Poor Farm) or Betsey White's. That is to yet be decided.

Esau Cooper is chairing the Lawn Tractor Races at the Grimaldi Field at 2 p.m. It is hoped that many vendors will take advantage of the "free space" and bring hand-crafted items (no yard sales, please). Bring your own tables and canopies. Set up by 9 a.m. and close at 2 p.m. as it is expected customers will disappear to go to the races. For more information about the craft tables call Kim Pearce at 392-1197.

This past Saturday the Roxbury ATV Rider's Club held an ATV Safety Course at the Roxbury Town Hall. The next item on their schedule occurs on April 30 and is listed as the Turner Food Pantry Benefit Supper.

The Andover School Board has announced the timeline for the approval of the 2016-17 School Budget. Before May 24 the budget will be approved and the Board of Selectmen will vote to issue a warrant for both Special Town Meeting/School Budget Meeting and the Budget Validation Referendum. Warrants will be posted on May 25. The referendum is scheduled for June 14 which is required to take place within 30 days of the June 2 Special Town Meeting, and at least 14 days after the posting.

Remember: Maine DOT is doing repair work in

May and June on two of our bridges. The Lovejoy Covered Bridge will be re-roofed in May and in June the Farrington Bridge on the East Andover Road over the West Branch of the Ellis River will have major work done. There will be detours involved in both cases.

The Selectmen consulted with Jon Giles, representative of Sebago Technics, regarding changes to the new town tax maps on Tuesday evening at their regularly scheduled workshop meeting. The board asks that anyone who is splitting property, please provide a map of the area for assessing purposes to the Town Office. This will help in the accuracy of records and avoid errors.

At the annual Town Meeting it was voted to set up a committee to explore alternate forms of government. If you're interested in serving on such a group, please notify the Town Office or speak with one of the selectmen.

Mason

By RICHARD GROVER



Week before last, I was talking by phone to Merriam Rafferty at Gould Acad-

emy about the American Legion sponsored Boys and Girls State programs for this coming summer. She told me about a WWW address: "www.dirigiboyssstate.org." She said she had tried that address and found only a link to another website.

After talking to her, I tried that address on the Microsoft Edge search engine and found the American Legion Maine site and Boys State information. I called Merriam back and told her about my "find." She tried again, with no luck. Then she asked me what computer system I was using. I told her it was Microsoft Windows, and that I found the Boys State info using the Google search engine also. Merriam then said, it must be the difference between the Windows program and the Macintosh programs, because all the Gould computers are Mac's! Strange.

I'm briefly explaining the Boys State/Girls State programs in hopes of encouraging more interest in these worthy programs. Boys State/Girls State programs are both 5-day in-residence courses conducted in June (Boys State at Thomas College, and Girls State at Hussen College) at the completion of their junior year.

The students learn the workings of our state government through role playing running for various state and local office positions and working together to establish and set up their programs. The student who becomes "state governor" earns the

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opportunity to attend the American Legion's Boys Nation or the Auxiliary's Girls Nation program. All of the students I have talked to who have attended either of these programs has a lot of praise and thanks for what they learned there.

In other news, I have enjoyed watching Shiloh's behavior with a dead squirrel. Last week I shot a squirrel that had been raiding one of our bird feeders. Shiloh grabbed the dead squirrel and paraded around the lawn with the poor thing in his mouth. Then he buried it some place rather than eating it. He knows we won't let him bring it into the house!

A couple days later Shiloh brought the squirrel to me while I was splitting wood. After a while, he buried the critter in the sawdust of another woodpile. Now, it seems like he digs up the squirrel and carries it around for a while whenever we go for a walk, re-burying it someplace along the way. I don't understand why he doesn't either eat it or leave it buried someplace!

On Sunday, as I was driving in the Mann Road in Woodstock, I came upon a flock of nine turkeys ambling down the middle of the road. Two were large toms with their tail feathers displayed, and the rest were either females or younger males.

I got out of the car to see if they would let me take their picture with my phone. They not only held still for several photos, but they let me walk right up to them, close enough to reach out and touch them (if I'd wanted to). The two big toms were sort of herding the rest of the flock, but none of them seemed particularly perturbed by my presence, which surprised me, since at that point I was still assuming they were wild turkeys.

Then I noticed that the toms, who were about the same size, were very different in color and markings. While one had dark feathers, similar to wild turkeys I've seen, the other was a much lighter reddish brown with mostly white tail and wing feathers. A couple of the hens were also reddish brown and white.

After I posted some of my photos on Facebook, a friend recognized the lighter birds as an heirloom domestic breed, Bourbon Reds, and the other tom as a Standard Bronze and commented, "I think someone is missing their flock."

So I shared my post to the Team Bethel Facebook page, and a couple of hours later Burnie and Gloria Rice commented that their neighbor was missing his flock of nine turkeys from his farm on the Mills Road and was going to go see if he could find them.

The owner, Scott Forbes, ended up at Jane Chandler's house while out searching, and Jane called me to see where and when I had seen his birds. I spoke to him and got his phone number in case I see them again before he finds them. As of my 9 p.m. Monday deadline for this column, I hadn't heard whether or not his search had been successful. Hope they make it home!

Greenwood will hold a Clean-Up Day this Saturday, April 23. Anyone interested in helping to pick up trash along the Greenwood Road is welcome, and should meet at the Town Office at 8 a.m. Check in with Kim at the office if you have questions.

This is similar to the clean-up days sponsored by the Woodstock Conservation Commission and the Bethel Conservation Commission.

The Greenwood Historical Society will resume its monthly meetings on Wednesday, May 4 at 7 p.m., when Dean Bennett will discuss his new book, Ghost Buck, which is about hunting at the Bennett Camp on Rowe Hill. The meeting will be held at the Greenwood Town Hall on Main Street.

Lots of exciting things have been happening at GHS since their last meeting in the fall! Be sure to



ESCAPEES-Nine turkeys, including two big toms, were spotted out for a walk on the Mann Road in Woodstock last weekend. They turned out to be a flock of domestic birds who had escaped from a farm on the Mills Road. A. Wight Chapman

visit the website, www.greenwoodhistorical.org, and the GHS Facebook page to keep track of meetings, events, special projects, and plans for the Bicentennial.

E-mail your news to amy.w.chapman@gmail.com, leave a message at 875-5511, or contact me on Facebook.

Newry

By DOUG WEBSTER



I would like to congratulate my wife on receiving the Chamber of Commerce's Professional Education of the Year award. Teaching really is her passion. It's amazing to see her excitement and enthusiasm when it comes to helping her students realize their potential and preparing them to be ready to excel at the next level.

The Eddy School is a "one room schoolhouse;" she teaches multiple middle school grade levels. She develops and customizes a curriculum for each student.

I could tell you the time that she puts in for the many facets of her school, but you probably wouldn't believe it. She not only teaches, but also takes care of the business and marketing end as well. I could go on, but I will leave it at that.

If anyone would like to see the school or get some more information, give her a call at 207-381-7716.



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Anyone interested in adopting a pet from RPC can visit the shelter at 9 Swallow Road in South Paris Tuesday-Sunday 12-4 p.m. Most of the adoptable pets and the adoption application can be found online on the shelter's website at www.rpc.petfinder.com.

For answers to questions about adopting or fostering a pet, or to make an inquiry about a lost animal, call Responsible Pet Care after noon at 743-8679.

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Bethel Senior Citizens meet

The Bethel Senior Citizens Club met April 13 at the Roosters Roadhouse for their meeting and dinner with 44 members present. Vice-President Lise McLain conducted the meeting. The pledge to the flag was said and "God Bless America" was sung by members. Caroline Gould gave the blessing.

Reports were given by Becky Keen and Arlene Lowell. The 50/50 raffle was won by Bonnie Hutchinson and the door prize by Nancy Willard.

The next meeting will be May 11 at the Bethel Methodist Church and will be a pot luck meal. Members will bring a dish to share. A donation of \$3 is requested for the church. Meeting starts at 11am. A representative from Rite Aid will be the speaker telling about some of the services they are offering senior citizens.

Caroline Gould gave an interesting talk on her families genealogy.

Haley Tripp from Bethel Rescue was present to take blood pressures.

Nancy Davis and Rosabelle Tiff from the Age-Friendly committee were present and passed out surveys and pamphlets to members, they spoke about what the committee is working on to help senior citizens.

Happy Birthday was sung to members having April birthdays: Marilyn Gilbert, Fran Head, Cathryn Lovejoy and Barbara Yates.

Brown Bag Lunch Program April 26

Why is it important to eat local food? Where can we buy local produce? If I'm a gardener, how can I improve produce accessibility for my community neighbors?

These are some of the questions that participants will grapple with at the next Brown Bag Lunch on Tuesday, April 26, 12:15-1:30 at the Bethel Inn Library. Sponsored by the Western Mountains Senior College, this event is open to the public free of charge. Just bring your lunch and join the conversation. We'd like to know you're coming, though; please RSVP to Nancy Davis, nancydavis.bethel@gmail.com, 381-1110.

Western Maine's gardening champion, Barbara Murphy, has inspired the initiation of Gardeners Growing Healthy Communities, a South Paris-based garden managed by an enthusiastic group of volunteers. Believing in the notion of gardeners growing food to share with those who are unable to grow their own, the group enjoys the pleasures of collaborative vegetable gardening. There are many ways that people may become involved in the garden itself, the organizational tasks involved in getting produce to those who need it - and even in donating produce from their home gardens. Bonnie Pooley will bring the perspective of the Local Food Connection and the Alan Day Community Garden. Barbara and Bonnie will lead this exploration into how we can all help to address food security issues within our own community. Bethel Inn Library, Tuesday, April 26, 12:15-1:30.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



Judith Grover Tent #17 DUVCW met at the home of Alice Hoyt on Monday, April 12 with seven members present. Michelle Cary filled in as president. Memorial Day was discussed, the flags have been ordered and also Vet markers. Sally asked the Fourth Grade to write essays about what Memorial Day means to them.

The Senior Citizens dinner was reported on. Elsie read an article about President Abraham Lincoln's address and the surrender of the South as the 151st anniversary of it was April 9. Twenty-three calls were reported and Helvi received the mystery package. Next meeting, in May, is at the Grange Hall.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School for all ages at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 28 will be Mid-Week Service (this week only). Also Bloom for Girls 13-18.

Sunday, May 1 will be fellowship Sunday, with guest speaker Larry Strout. Ladies Coffee Cup Devotions met Tuesday, April 12 with Bible Study and friendship enjoyed.

Larry Billings says he has written several one-page essays, which he has given to the Bethel Historical Society.

Locke's Mills

By AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN



I apologize if this column seems to be completely for the birds, but this week I really want to talk turkey. (And now I also have to apologize for using two bad idioms in one sentence!)

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WALKING THE FREEDOM TRAIL. On April 14, The Eddy School traveled the Portland Freedom Trail, a series of markers designating important locations in Portland in conjunction with the Underground Railroad. Students researched individual events and/or people and became their own tour guides at each stop on this self-guided walking tour. Submitted photo



YOGA DAY—Students at Mahoosuc Montessori joined children around the world in celebrating the first annual Kids' Yoga Day 2016 April 8. Kristin Otten, founder and owner of Every Body Yoga and Barre in Bethel welcomed children to her studio and took them on a yoga nature walk. With Kristin's guidance the children became trees, eagles, mountains, stars, butterflies, rabbits, cows and, of course, downward facing dogs. Pictured are (front): Caleb Kimble, Madison Lambert, Meredith LaPointe, River Otten, Brooklyn Deprey, Audra Melanson Back; Asher Candura, Braden Scott, Owen Beaton, Kristin Otten, Xander VanDebulcke, Kyr Strugatskiy. Submitted photo

MMGM: How a museum is designed

Maine Mineral & Gem Museum (MMGM) is delighted to announce Jay Paulus of Paulus Design Group of Bath, Maine and Washington, D.C. as its Third Thursday Tours & Talks speaker for April 21 from 3-4:30 in MMGM's Oddfellows Hall, located at 99 Main Street, Bethel, Maine. His talk, *How a Museum is Designed*, is of particular interest to those watching MMGM's progress and anticipating how its exhibits tell the compelling story of Maine minerals and gems. In essence, Jay will illuminate the superlative nature of the narrative of Maine minerals and gems and the extraordinary people involved in their mining, collection and preservation.

Principle of the Paulus Design Group—the interpretive planner of MMGM—Jay says, "Going to a museum can teach us, delight us and inspire us. This said, the museum process is complicated and a lot of effort goes into a museum exhibit design. As a designer, I learn a lot by understanding the components that make such designs so successful. Museum designers are constantly looking for different ways to attract visitors and tell stories."

Jay's presentation will highlight 10 essential museum design components: motivate visitors, focus content, immersion, patterns, capture curiosity, interaction, a "fun" experience, storytelling, technology integration and layered content.

Each month, Maine Mineral & Gem Museum holds Third Thursdays Tours & Talks. Winter months' feature presentations are held in Oddfellows Hall in the Preview Gallery from 3-4:30 p.m. Summer months' feature tours are held at renowned regional geological sites. Summer times vary depending on tour location.

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That the Department of Transportation, in accordance with Title 23 M.R.S.A. Sections 701 and 651, hereby lays out the location of a portion of State Highway "133" (Routes 5/35/Songo Pond Road) in Albany Township.

That the Department of Transportation, in accordance with Title 23 M.R.S.A. Sections 651 and 151 to 159, has determined that public exigency requires the taking of all rights in land as hereinafter specified and described, and as shown on a Right-of-Way Map, State Highway "133" (Routes 5/35/Songo Pond Road), State Project No. 20345.00, (W.I.N. 020345.00), dated June 2015, on file in the Office of the Department of Transportation, (D.O.T. File No. 9383) and to be recorded in the Registry of Deeds of Oxford County (Eastern District), a print of which is on file in the office of the County Commissioners of Oxford County.

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The perpetual right to enter upon land outside of and adjoining the boundary lines of the above-referenced highway for all purposes necessary to install, construct, maintain, repair, remove and/or replace an inlet drainage structure and to flow water through and from the same over and across adjoining land in the direction specified, as shown on the above-referenced Right of Way map, at the following locations:

Parcel/Item	Apparent Owner	Location: Lt./Rt.	Direction of Flow
3	Rodney E. Kimball	Sta. 14+20 Rt.	Southwesterly

CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE EASEMENT

The perpetual right to enter upon land outside of and adjoining the boundary lines of the above-referenced highway for all purposes necessary to construct, install, maintain, repair, remove and/or replace structures appurtenant to the Project as listed by type, below, within the limits defined by the "Construction and Maintenance Easement Limits" as shown on the above-referenced Right of Way map, at the following locations:

Parcel/Item	Apparent Owner	Type	Location Lt./Rt.
1	Eben S. Smith	Rip Rap Pad	Sta. 13+65 to Sta. 13+98 Lt.
2	Phillip Dougherty	Rip Rap Pad	Sta. 13+74 to Sta. 14+30 Lt.
3	Rodney E. Kimball	Rip Rap Pad	Sta. 13+90 to Sta. 14+60 Rt.

TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION RIGHTS

The right, for the duration of the period of the Project construction as determined by the date of completion of construction according to the records of the Department of Transportation, to enter upon land outside of and adjoining the boundary lines of the above-referenced highway to perform the work as set forth below within the limits defined as "Temporary Construction Limits" as shown on the above-referenced Right-of-Way map.

Said right may include, but is not limited to, necessary excavating, placing of fill material, curbing, loaming, seeding, paving, installation of structures, removal of trees, shrubs, bushes and other growth, selective cutting, trimming, and other necessary incidental work in grading said adjoining land, in addition to the temporary placement of utility poles including all related fixtures, overhead wires, guys, etc. in order to allow for project construction in accordance with all governing regulations and other requirements of law.

Parcel/Item	Apparent Owner	Location: Lt./Rt.
1	Eben S. Smith	Sta. 13+25 to Sta. 13+74 Lt.
2	Phillip Dougherty	Sta. 13+45 to Sta. 14+90 Lt.
3	Rodney E. Kimball	Sta. 13+40 to Sta. 14+95 Rt.

INFORMATIVE SUMMARY

The following is a list summarizing the parcel or item numbers, names of apparent owners of record of land and rights involved, estimated areas, and rights affected, within and adjacent to the before-referenced highway boundaries, as shown on the beforementioned right-of-way map:

Parcel/Item No.	Apparent Owner	Area	Slopes	Drainage Const. Rights	Temp. & Bldgs.	Other Rights
1	Eben S. Smith	None	None	None	Yes	Const. & Maint. Easo.
2	Phillip Dougherty	None	None	None	Yes	Const. & Maint. Easo.
3	Rodney E. Kimball	None	None	Yes	Yes	Const. & Maint. Easo.

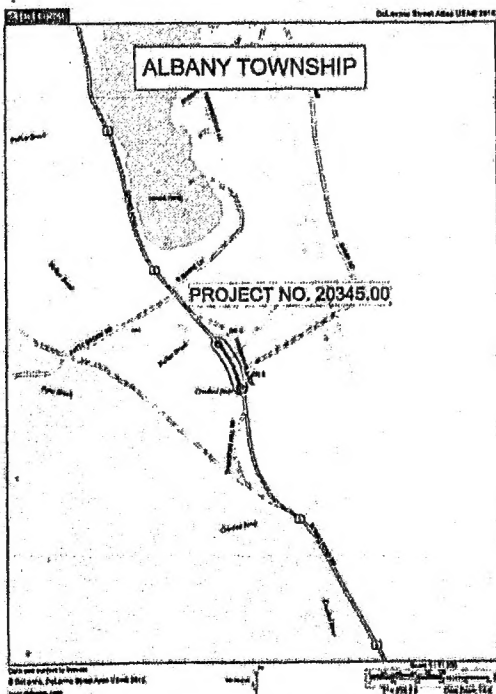
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The Department of Transportation directs that this Notice of Layout and Taking be recorded in the Registry of Deeds of Oxford County (Eastern District) and filed with the County Commissioners of Oxford County and published in "The Bethel Citizen" a newspaper of general circulation in the County where said highway is located, and also directs that a copy of the Right-of-Way Map be filed with the County Commissioners of said County and also that Notice be sent by Certified Mail to any Owners and Mortgagees of Record.

Dated at Augusta Maine
February 17, 2016

STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION
David Bernhardt, Commissioner
STATE OF MAINE KENNEBEC
Date February 17, 2016

Personally appeared the above named David Bernhardt, Commissioner, Department of Transportation, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed in his said capacity and the free act and deed of the State of Maine. Before me, Cheryl Martin Hunt, Notary Public State of Maine



Age-Friendly Community news

Your transportation survey – don't forget it! We want to hear from you about your specific needs for transportation, now or in the future. Surveys may be picked up at the Bethel and Woodstock Town Offices and libraries, the Western Mountains Senior College, and the Bethel Family Health Center; Greenwood and Newry will be mailing theirs. They should be returned (in the envelope provided) by May 15. FMI: Allen Cressy (ajcressy@megalink.net, 824-0508).

Are you a watcher of Channel 11, the Western Hills Access Television network? If so, perhaps you saw the video-cast of the Age-Friendly Community public meeting in January and the related public Transportation meeting in February. That network is managed by Wayne Howe, who also serves as the Woodstock

representative, and town-appointed directors Brooks Morton of Newry, Jewel Clark of Bethel, Dick Melville of Greenwood, and Deana Fowles from SAD 44.

The new WHAT TV board hit the ground running with a vision to bring this 25-year-old station with outdated equipment into the Internet age. With enthusiasm for the live-streaming service introduced in February 2016, Newry citizens have voted to support the station with 100 percent of the franchise fees, and it is hoped that Bethel residents will vote to do the same. Watch for more information next week.

Reminder: Community Supper (no charge) April 27 4:30-6 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walker's Mills Rd (across from the Telstar Parking Lot). FMI: 207-824-2289.

Egg results from the Waterford Library

The Waterford Library held its annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 26. Volunteer Marion Brennen filled 600 plastic eggs with candy for this event. Other volunteers filled an additional 250 for a total of 850 eggs!

The event was held on a gloriously sunny day, which brought out children of all

ages and their parents. There were over 45 children that took part in the hunt. After all the eggs were found children and adults went inside to enjoy punch and cookies. As the satisfied hunters left they were all given a free book, courtesy of the Waterford Library.

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Workshop: Motorized trails and brook trout

The Androscoggin River Watershed Council (ARWC) will host a free workshop at 6 p.m. on May 12 at the office of the Mahoosuc Land Trust in Bethel to discuss how poorly maintained trails cause erosion which can impact streams, rivers and other water bodies that are home to native eastern brook trout. After a brief classroom session, at which sandwiches, drinks and snacks will be served, the workshop will move outdoors to a nearby erosion site where participants can brainstorm simple solutions.

Use of old logging roads, skidder trails and even newly-created trails can have lasting impacts on streams and brook trout. All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV), jeep and snowmobile recreation make an important contribution to the economy in western Maine. Fishing in the Androscoggin River and many tributaries such as the Sunday and Bear Rivers is also a growing economic driver in the region.

For nearly 10 years, ARWC has worked to improve brook trout habitat in the Upper Sunday River Watershed. This area boasts a network of streams that encompass some of the finest remaining untouched, high elevation brook trout habitat in the state. The surrounding area from Oxford Hills

to Andover and beyond also has significant habitat for brook trout. But this habitat is shrinking for a number of reasons. The presence of brook trout in a stream indicates a healthy ecosystem; these finicky fish do not tolerate a compromised environment.

ARWC has noted the impacts of motorized, off-road use on productive trout habitat. At the same time, western Maine is popular for jeep touring, ATV use and snowmobiling.

The May 12 workshop will explore ways in which the demand for off-road recreational opportunities can be balanced with the need to protect brook trout habitat in this resource-rich area, which encompasses both private and public lands.

How can sensitive streambanks best be protected? Simple erosion control techniques that can be implemented by ATV, jeep, and snowmobile clubs will be discussed. Some of these methods have already been voluntarily applied in places by the Western Maine Mountain Jeepers and others.

This workshop is free and open to the public. Sandwiches, drinks and snacks will be served. For more information, please call Jeff Stern at (207) 595-0317 or email sternjm@hotmail.com.

Woodstock Clean-Up Day is Saturday

Woodstock's second annual Clean-Up Day is Saturday, April 23, 9 a.m. to noon, celebrating Earth Day.

It is spring, it is getting warmer and before the leaves pop out, the trash is more visible. This is one day set aside that neighbors gather to pick up the roadside trash. Meet at the Bryant Pond ball field on Lakeshore Drive at 9 a.m. Bring work gloves and any reflective gear available. Trash bags are provided.

Individuals are also encouraged to take a bag for trash when going out, and clean up near your home all the time. The Woodstock Conservation Commission sponsors this effort to clean up the Town of Woodstock.

Rain date is April 30. For more information contact Jane Chandler, 357-3524.



At last year's Woodstock cleanup day, Emily Ecker, Marcel Polak and Peter Fetchco picked up trash on Route 26. Those willing to help out Saturday should meet at the ballfield on Lakeshore Drive at 9 a.m.

Submitted photo

Cancer Resource Center lists May events

New this month is a Saturday morning Bird Walk with Mary Van Nest at Robert's Preserve. Activities are offered at the Center (unless otherwise noted) and are free to people impacted by cancer. For more information check our website, www.crcfw.com, Facebook page or call Sherri 890-7063.

Drop in hours are every Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Volunteers are available to support you with comfort items such as port protectors, pillows, wigs and bonnets that you may need or find resources. You may pick up brochures or use our lending library to support you or a family member. The center is also a place to enjoy a cup of coffee or tea, chat with a volunteer or take time for yourself by participating in activities offered by the Center. Our May activities include:

Coloring for Adults every Thursday from 1-2:30 p.m.

Cards and Games every Friday from 1:00-3:00

Women's Cancer Support Group Tuesday, May 3 from Noon to 1:30 p.m.

Call Patti-Ann at 744-6173

for more information Stamping Up with Kathy on Thursday, May 5 from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Community Cancer Cut & Sew at Sew Orchid Design, 316 Main Street, Norway, Wednesdays May 11 and 25 from 10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Knitting and Crocheting Thursdays, May 12 and 19 from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Bird Walk with Mary Saturday, May 14 at 7:30 a.m. at Robert's Preserve on Roberts Road, Norway, rain or shine, meet in parking lot

Beading Project May 19 with Sherrie 2:30-3:30

Walk and Talk with David - call 739-7027 to schedule a time.

The Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine is located at 199 Main St, Norway in the Stephens Memorial Hospital Specialty Clinic building. Hours are 10:00am to 3:00pm every Thursday and Friday. We offer a variety of programs as well as comfort items, free to anyone impacted by cancer. Check our website, www.crcfw.com, for more information, find us on Facebook or call Sherri at 890-7063.

Antiquarian Supper at Bethel Historical Society

On Thursday, April 28, starting at 5:00 pm, the much-awaited 2016 "Antiquarian Supper" will take place at the Bethel Historical Society's Mason House (14 Broad Street). Held only every five or six years, this special fundraising event honors a local tradition started in 1855 when Bethel residents began to take notice of their ancestors' habits, artifacts and manner of dress. Participants in this year's supper are encouraged to come in old-fashioned clothing (anything not current) and to bring a "relic" (collectible) to display and describe. There will be some "ancient" foods to sample, along with several choices of modern fare. Traditional music and a few surprises are sure to create a fun evening.

American life in the mid-nineteenth century was the scene of constant change. Smoke-belching factories, crowded cities, the expanding West, and the invention of many labor-saving devices resulted in an increasing sense of rootlessness for many of the country's citizens. For New Englanders, in particular, this feeling of displacement was offset somewhat by a desire to return to a simpler time — what one historian of the period has called "a longing for earlier days and customs."

Inspired by the efforts of such pioneering organizations as the Massachusetts Historical Society (1791), American Antiquarian Society (1812), Maine Historical Society (1822), New Hampshire Historical Society (1823), and New England Historic Genealogical Society (1845), individuals in rural communities began to take notice of "old-time" objects (notably furnishings and items associated with the kitchen hearth), which were viewed as morally and aesthetically superior to household goods then being produced for the mass market. Items ranging from porcelain teapots and spinning wheels to pewter platters and fireplace tongs evoked the comforts of a vanishing world of simple pleasures and "heroic patriotism," the latter stemming directly from the Revolutionary War era.

In the decade before the Civil War (when antiques were frequently displayed at "sanitary fairs"), various groups of people in many New England towns began holding "antiquarian suppers." During these occasions, citizens dressed in old-fashioned clothes, brought relics (anything odd or old) to exhibit, shared stories of days gone by, and enjoyed a bountiful meal. Typically, the driving force behind these informal gatherings was a local historian keenly interested in recording the town's "colonial" traditions, legends, and events. In western Maine, the earliest examples of such antiquarian suppers were held by the Bethel Farmer's Club between 1855 and 1857 under the watchful eye of one of Maine's most prominent historians of that time, Dr. Nathaniel Tuckerman True (1812-1887).

Admission to the April 28 Antiquarian Supper is by donation: adults, \$10; those 18 and under, \$5. Don't miss out on your chance to join in on the fun and good food. Only 30 seats are available, so call or e-mail early to reserve a place at the table! (207-824-2908 or info@bethelhistorical.org).

National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

Oxford County Sheriff's Deputies will be participating in conjunction with the DEA who have scheduled another "National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day" and will be set up at their offices in Bethel (18 Mayville Road) and South Paris (26 Western Avenue) as well as at the Sacopec Valley Health Center (70 Main Street in Porter, Maine) to receive unused, unwanted or expired prescription drugs for safe disposal.

The "Prescription Drug Take-Back" detail will be conducted on Saturday, April 30, 2016 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in conjunction with the nationwide initiative. Anonymity and confidentiality of the individuals dropping off the prescription drugs is of paramount importance and no questions will be asked of anyone.

The Sheriff's Office is partnering with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency in this initiative to properly dispose of unwanted prescriptions to reduce the risk of accidental overdose by small children or others who mistake them for other medications. These prescription medications should be disposed of properly and should not be flushed down individual's toilets.

Those wishing to further protect their privacy can black out their information on the prescription pill bottles or containers with a permanent marker. No information will be gathered from the bottles. It should be noted that "needles" will not be accepted.

In the four previous Take-Back events, DEA in conjunction with our state, local, and tribal law enforcement partners have collected more than 2 million pounds (1,018 tons) of prescription medications were removed from circulation.

MLT series:

Mahoosuc Mt. Rescue

For the April event in its "Into the Woods" speaker series, the Mahoosuc Land Trust is fortunate to welcome three members of the Mahoosuc Mountain Rescue Team.

Bob Baribeau, Chris Hayward and Dan Elliott will share aspects of their work on Wednesday, April 27 at 7 p.m. at Gould Academy's McLaughlin Auditorium in Bethel. Mahoosuc Mountain Rescue is a volunteer group that assists the Maine Warden Service in solving incidents and accidents in the State of Maine. While primarily serving West-

ern Maine, the team travels throughout the state to help those in need in the Backcountry. They perform technical rope rescue when needed, and are on call 24/7, 365 days a year.

The Mahoosuc Land Trust is an accredited community land trust encouraging public interest in conservation in central Oxford County and eastern Coos County, N.H., supporting a balance of growth and conservation and emphasizing sustainable and traditional land uses.

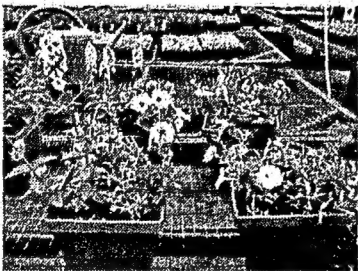
Cleo Fund: Spay/neuter cats for \$20

The Cleo Fund has received a grant to assist cat owners in Oxford County with spay/neuter. Income guidelines must be met.

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PUBLIC HEARING

The Bethel Board of selectmen will conduct a public hearing on Monday, May 9, 2016 at 7 PM at the Bethel Town Office, 19 Main Street, Bethel, Maine for the purpose of receiving oral and written comments on a proposed rate change in Sewer Billing.

Written comment prior to the hearing may be provided to the Town of Bethel, PO Box 1660, Bethel, Maine 04217 or to info@bethelmaine.org.

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Bishop named new assistant head of school at Gould

Gould Academy has announced Andrew Bishop as its new assistant head of school for enrollment management.

"Andrew Bishop is exceptionally well qualified to lead Gould's admissions efforts," Matt Ruby, Head of School for Gould Academy, said. "He has had tremendous success at Berwick Academy and will be an invaluable member of our Senior Administration Team and community."

Effective July 1, 2016, Bishop will leave Berwick after five successful years as their director of admission and financial aid.

In addition to his work in admissions, Bishop's professional experience includes having taught English at Cushing Academy (2005-2007) and Berwick Academy (2007-2010).

He also spent a year with an Admission Field Study at Harlem Academy (2010-2011), and still serves as a consultant and senior staff member at Elk Creek Ranch in Cody, Wyo.

An active member of the independent school community, Bishop's past

responsibilities include administrator, teacher, coach, and dorm head.

In 2015 he was a guest presenter at the SSS & SSATB National Conference, and in 2010 was selected to be a guest presenter at the National Council of Teachers of English's National Conference. In 2009 he



participated in a two-week Klingenstein Summer Institute study on private school education.

Additionally, Bishop is the 2009 National Endowment for the Humanities grant recipient of the John Steinbeck, Voice of Region, Voice of America, and was a Cushing Academy Teacher of the Year

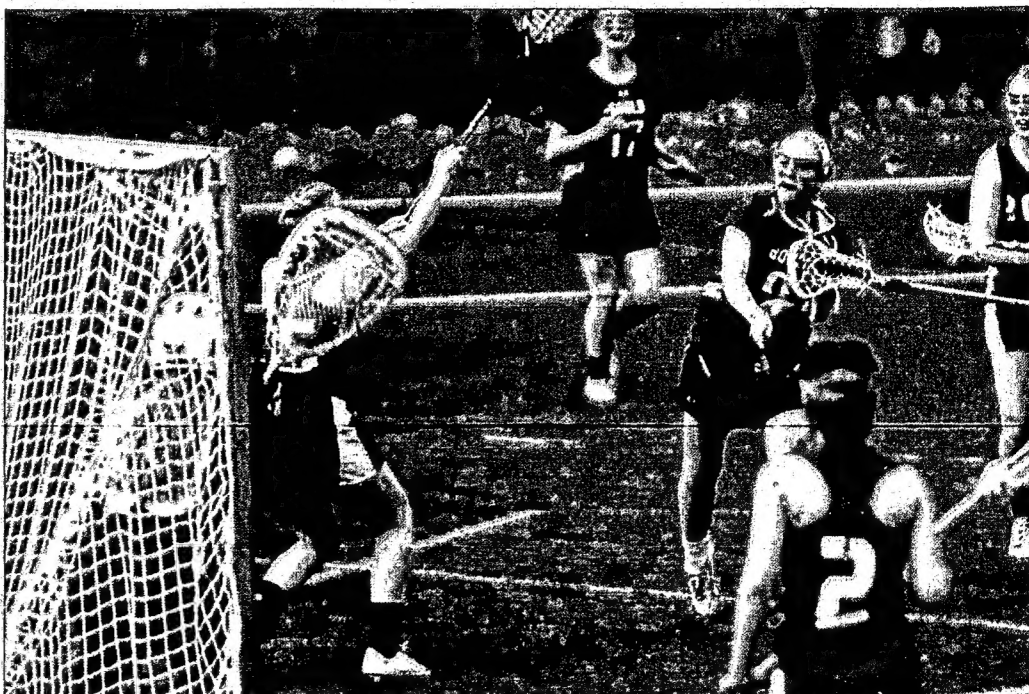
finalist in 2007 – the same year Cushing Academy students dedicated their yearbook to him.

"From established programs like Four Point to new initiatives associated with the Marlon Family IDEAS Center, it is exciting to join a school committed to promoting timely skills as well as teaching timeless virtues," says Bishop. "For years Gould has been a school I have admired and held in the highest esteem because it is a community defined by its strong ties to Maine, inspiring faculty, and phenomenal students; I cannot think of a better school, or town, for my family to join and for my children to grow up in."

Bishop is a graduate of The Groton School. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English from Hobart And William Smith Colleges and a Masters of Arts Degree in Educational Leadership from Columbia University's Teaching College.

He and his wife Kyle have two children, Carter and Beckett.

Gould sports



On Monday Gould Academy Girls' Varsity Lacrosse won their game against Oxford Hills, 12-3. Here, Gould senior Brooke Kelly of Freeport takes a shot on goal, making one of five goals she scored.

Dirk MacKnight/Gould Academy

Gould Girls' Lacrosse had a great week, winning both of their scheduled games, 6-5 against Hyde School and 12-3 against Oxford Hills. Boys' Varsity and JV Lacrosse were not as lucky, losing their scheduled games against Brewster Academy and Hyde School. In tennis, Boys' Tennis won both of their matches, 7-2 against Vermont Academy and 5-0 against Hyde School, while the Girls' Tennis Team lost to Kents Hill. Boys' Baseball had a tough start after losing to Bridgton Academy and Wiscasset High School, but picked up a win against Telstar at Monday's home game.

Telstar H.S. spring sports preview

By Sun Media

TRACK & FIELD

Coaches: David Leclerc, Josh Kennison

Last year's results: Boys: fourth at MVCs, 13th at Class C states; Girls: 11th at MVCs

Returning athletes: Boys: Junior — Avry Griffin; Sophomore — Gaelan Boyle-Wright; Girls: Senior — Kaitlyn Brown; Junior — India Orino

Key losses: Boys: Maverick Griffin, Liam Gallagher; Girls: Maureen Glover

Promising newcomers: Boys: Sophomores — Brett Hastings, Matt Morin; Freshman — Ricco Call; Girls: Junior — Wynter Morin; Freshmen — Emily Hanscom, Kaitlee Kilam

Season outlook: The Rebels are a small team, consisting of 16 boys and 10 girls. Telstar will look to maximize its potential with individual performances, with the best of those hopefully coming in the big meets.

SOFTBALL

Coach: Jim Lunney

Last year's record: 17-3, lost in Class C state championship game.

Returning athletes: Seniors — Olivia York (P); Becca Howard (SS), Hayley Peterson (OF), Ashley Savage (3b), Lisa Gammon (2b/OF), Dharma Damon (OF), Cassidy Smith (OF); Juniors — Tehya Johnson (1b/OF/P);

Key losses: Sadie Ellsworth (C), Katie Merrill (OF), Annie Cushman (2b), Vanessa Godwin (1b).

Promising newcomers: Junior — Natasha Hart (OF); Sophomore — Kylee Martin (P/INF).

Season outlook: The Rebels graduated all-stars Ellsworth and Merrill, two key parts of last year regional champion, but Telstar returns plenty of experience from a club that lost to Bucksport in the state game. York (17-3, 0.90 era) returns as the team's pitcher while Howard (.654), Peterson, Savage, Gammon and

Johnson were all starters. Telstar should be strong again and a contender in Class C.

BASEBALL

Coach: John Eliot

Last year's record: 8-13

Returning players: Seniors — Hunter Williamson (CF/P), Reggie Westleigh (SS/3B/P), Fabian Corriveau (OF/1B); Juniors — Josh Eliot (P/1B), Tanner Wheeler (P/SS/CF); Sophomores — Boston Ludden (C), Zack Hill (2B/OF), Russell Cushman (3B/2B).

Key loss: Chris Chapple. Promising newcomers: Junior — Kellen True (OF/2B), Sophomore — Bobby Scitote (3B).

Season outlook: Despite the record, the Rebels took a big leap forward in 2015, and they hope that will pay dividends for a much more experienced group. Williamson, Wheeler and Eliot should be the top hitters and will lead the pitching staff, as well. Playoffs are a legitimate goal.

Richard Blanco program to welcome Poet Patricia Smith

Gould Academy will welcome award-winning performance poet, recipient of the Bobbitt National Prize for Poetry, and National Book Award Finalist, Patricia Smith to its stage and classrooms on April 26.

Part of the Richard Blanco Visiting Writers Program and Retreat, Smith's visit will include a free public poetry reading at 7:30 p.m. in Bingham Auditorium followed by a book signing reception.

Patricia Smith is the author of six critically-acknowledged volumes of poetry, including *Shoulda Been Jimi Savannah*, which was awarded the Bobbitt National Prize for Poetry from the Library of Congress, was the winner of the 2013 Lenore Marshall Poetry Prize from the Academy American Poets, and was a finalist for the William Carlos Williams Award from the Poetry Society of America; *Blood Dazzler*, a National Book Award finalist; *Teahouse of the Almighty*, a National Poetry Series winner (all from Coffee House Press); *Close to Death and Big Towns*, *Big Talk* (both from Zoland Books), and *Life According to Motown*, just released in a special 20th anniversary edition (Tia Chucha Press).

She also edited the crime fiction anthol-

ogy *Staten Island Noir*. Her contribution to the that anthology, the story "When They Are Done With Us," won an award from Mystery Writers of America and was published in *Best American Mystery Stories*. She is a Cave Canem faculty member, a professor of English at CUNY/College of Staten Island and a faculty member of the Sierra Nevada MFA program.

About the Richard Blanco Visiting Writers Program and Retreat: Rather than seeing writing as a celebrated art from the past, the Richard Blanco Visiting Writers Program and Retreat aims to engage students with contemporary writers, helping to create new generations of readers and appreciators of poetry.

While on campus visiting writers work with Gould Academy students and faculty through classroom visits and workshops, giving them the opportunity to connect with and learn from a living artist. Writers are provided a stipend and a two-week stay in Mr. Blanco's private Bethel cottage.

Through public readings and events, the program also exposes the larger community and region to great contemporary writers.

Free training supports community health

There's a county-wide effort underway to reduce substance abuse and obesity by addressing isolation and disconnection as key factors bearing on health. Community conversations will be used to help make a plan, and free training is available for those wanting to host conversations, as well as deepen their facilitation skills and hold conversations that foster trust, commitment, and a sense of belonging.

The Oxford County Wellness Collaborative (OCWC) is currently providing trainings for people who would like to facilitate gatherings around Oxford County and encourages anyone who cares about the well-being of their community to participate. The next training will take place at the Bethel Alliance Church at 251 Walkers Mills Road in Bethel on Tuesday, May 3, from 1-5 p.m.

The training was developed to support "hosts" for the Collaborative's Healthy Community Gatherings (meetings that bring together community members to deepen ties to one another and create a common vision for building health in Oxford County) but is also appropriate for anyone wanting to build interpersonal skills and experience with public leadership.

Barbara Rajaniemi, who attended a fall 2014 training in Rumford, shared

that, "After the Host training I felt empowered, I felt my voice mattered, and I found myself being more aware of others and their needs and helping others feel that their voice matters too. I use what I learned in both my personal and professional life on a daily basis." She added that she would "encourage everyone to take advantage of this training, as I feel it would have a very positive effect on you and the way you think and feel." These feelings are shared by other hosts.

Food will be provided at the training, and financial help is available to cover transportation and childcare expenses. Attending the training does not require a commitment to participate in the Healthy Community Gatherings work. To register for the training, or for more information, call Brendan Schaffler at (207) 739-6222 or e-mail brendan@healthyoxfordhills.org. If this upcoming training interests you but doesn't fit your schedule, please be in touch with Brendan so he can keep you informed of future opportunities.

The OCWC is a growing group of caring individuals and organizations committed to transforming health in Oxford County. The group is grounded in the belief that as individuals and organizations, we are most effective when working together towards a common goal rather

than separately trying to reach the same goal.

Since the fall of 2014, the Collaborative has brought together groups across Oxford County at Healthy Community Gatherings to share thoughts, ideas and passion surrounding the belief that as a community, we can take charge of creating a healthy life for all. Participants have deepened ties to one another, and deepened their commitment to being a part of making change. For the past year those conversations have included exploring recently released health data as well as discussions about root causes tied to health and wellness. Isolation, disconnection, and not feeling valued have been named as powerful factors interfering with our ability to lead healthy, fulfilling lives.

The Wellness Collaborative is now leading work to identify the connections between this root cause and two health priorities for Oxford County chosen during community forums this winter: obesity and substance abuse. The immediate goal will be creating a thoughtful plan to improve health by addressing the root cause as it relates to the two health priorities. The plan created will be specifically designed to allow all sectors and members of the county community to participate in its success if they choose to do so.

Earth Day events in Norway

Earth Day has been celebrated around the world since 1970 and is considered by many to be the birth of the modern environmental movement. For 46 years, people have come together around the planet to rally, march, and help make the world a greener place. This year, tens of thousands of Earth Day events will be happening around the world, including one in Norway.

The Center for an Ecology-Based Economy (CEBE), Fare Share Co-op, Alan Day Community Garden, Unitarian Universalist Church, and the Western Maine Poets Society invite all area residents to celebrate Earth Day 2016 in Norway. A variety of events are planned to raise awareness about environmental issues facing the planet, as well as the myriad initiatives underway to restore planetary health and enhance the prospects for our communities and all life.

"Earth Day Norway 2016" begins on Sunday, April 17 at 2pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 479 Main Street in Norway, with an Earth Day Concert provided by Heather Pierson, Nate Town, Davy Sturtevant and guests. Admission is \$5.

On Thursday, April 21 area poets will read "Poems to Celebrate the Earth" at Tucker's Music Pub, 290 Main Street in Norway. Food and beverages will be available at the event. Last year's Mountain Poets had a large turnout for the Earth Day poetry reading in The Commons so the venue has been moved to Tucker's for a memorable evening in Norway's larger performance venue.

On April 22, Earth Day, two events will be hosted

at CEBE in The Commons, 447 Main Street. The first is a Felt Mask Making Workshop for kids from 3 to 93. This workshop offered by ARK, (Area Resources for Kids) will run from 1pm-3pm. Please call Cyndy Tinsley at 743-6329 to pre-register. There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials.

And then at 7 p.m. on April 22 in The Commons, CEBE will be a screening of the newly released 2016 documentary film "Catching the Sun," which explores the global race to develop solar technology and the economic potential it holds for workers and entrepreneurs. This event is hosted by CEBE and co-sponsored by Revision Energy and Fare Share Co-op. Local experts on solar power will be on hand for a short post-film discussion.

"The oil economy has created monopolies and concentrated wealth and power in the hands of the few. I was fascinated by the idea that solar power could democratize and decentralize energy in a way that rebuilds the ladder of economic opportunity." — Shalini Kantayya, Director of Catching the Sun

"Catching the Sun" offers solutions that can address the climate crisis and income inequality. The film offers a glimpse into the future of energy—and suggests how people can take power into their own hands. Through the stories of workers and entrepreneurs in the U.S. and China, *Catching the Sun* captures the global race to lead the clean energy future. Over the course of a solar jobs training program, *Catching the Sun* follows the hope and heartbreak of unemployed American workers seek-

ing jobs in the solar industry. Their successes and failures speak to one of the biggest questions of our time: will the U.S. actually be able to build a clean energy economy?

On Saturday April 23, CEBE will be hosting its third annual Earth Day Rally & Parade. At 9 a.m. CEBE will be open for people to come in and make their own signs for the event. CEBE will supply poster board and markers. At 10:30 a.m. participants will gather in Norway Town Square at the corner of Deering and Main Street, across from the Norway Opera House for a short rally, including live music from members of the Singpole Mountain Band, and a poetry reading by Lisa Moore of the Western Mountain Poets Society. Following the rally, everyone is invited to march the length of Main Street, heading east, crossing at the Rowe School, then west on Main Street back to Advertiser Square before crossing again and heading up Whitman Street to the Alan Day Community Garden (ADCG).

At around 12 noon on April 23, ADCG will receive parade marchers at the Garden by hosting a party with refreshments, live music and tours of the Garden. There will also be games for kids, organic seeds for sale, and an opportunity to learn more about ADCG, an educational nonprofit that offers land and tools for community members to grow their own gardens. Food and activities at ADCG are free and donations are always welcome.

For more information, contact the Center for an Ecology-Based Community (CEBE) at 739-2101.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, April 21

How a Museum is Designed; Maine Mineral & Gem Museum (MMGM) presents Jay Paulus of Paulus Design Group of Bath and Washington, D.C. as its Third Thursday Tours & Talks speaker, from 3-4:30 in MMGM's Odd-fellows Hall, at 99 Main Street, Bethel. His talk is of particular interest to those watching MMGM's progress and anticipating how its exhibits tell the compelling story of Maine minerals and gems.

April 22 and 23

Wilderness First Aid Course; at Mahoosuc Mountain Lodge in Newry taught by Jon Tierney of Wilderness Medical Associates. FMI: 824-2073.

April 22, 23 and 24

Wilderness First Responder Refresher and Open Recert Course; at Mahoosuc Mountain Lodge in Newry taught by Jon Tierney of Wilderness Medical Associates. FMI: 824-2073.

Saturday, April 23

Greenwood Clean-Up Day; those interested in helping out should meet at the Town Office at 8 a.m.

Woodstock Clean-up Day; 9 a.m. to noon. Celebrate Earth Day and help to clean up the roadsides. Meet at the ball field on Lakeshore Drive with work gloves and reflective vests, if available. Garbage bags will be provided. Rain date is April 30. Contact Jane Chandler 357-3524 for more information.

First indoor yard sale at Wilkins House, Waterford; 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Many new items received over the winter including puzzles, crafts, books and household items. The Wilkins House is located on Plummer Hill Road, next to the church in the center of Waterford. All proceeds benefit the Wilkins House and the church.

Responsible Pet Care Chinese Auction at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. Have fun raising money for animals by bidding on more than 300 items, services and gift certificates. Ticket packages priced at \$5, \$10, or \$20. Doors open at 5 p.m. for bidding. Drawing for winners begins at 6:30 p.m. Dollar Table, a 50/50 raffle and delicious food and beverages for purchase.

Monday, April 25

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>. Free and open to the public.

Tuesday, April 26

Community Meeting; 6 p.m., Albany Town House, Albany. Scott Cole and Steve Merrill from the Oxford County Commissioners' office will be present to discuss next year's tax rates and upcoming construction and road projects in Albany. Representatives from the Land Use Planning Commission (LUPC) will also attend the meeting to discuss the issue of expedited wind-development permitting in Albany.

Medicare 101; 6 to 7:30, Telstar High School. New to Medicare? Already on Medicare? Going on Medicare in the near future? Learn the basics and timelines of this complex system, ways to save money and more. Instructor: Al Daniels from SeniorsPlus. FMI: 824-2136 ext. 1340 or <http://sad44.maineadulted.org>.

Brown Bag Lunch presentation; 12:15-1:30 at the Bethel Inn Library. Why is it important to eat local food? Where can we buy local produce? If I'm a gardener, how can I improve produce accessibility for my community neighbors? These are some of the questions that participants will grapple with. Sponsored by the Western Mountains Senior College, this event is open to the public free of charge. Just bring your lunch and join the conversation. Please RSVP to Nancy Davis, nancydavis.bethel@gmail.com, 381-1110.

Performance Poet Patricia Smith; Gould Academy and the Richard Blanco Visiting Writers Program and Retreat welcome award-winning performance poet Patricia Smith. Ms. Smith will work with students during the day and then perform live at 7:30 that evening in Bingham Auditorium. Admission is free and open to the public. A book signing reception will follow her performance and take place in Gould's IDEAS Center.

Wednesday, April 27

OCSWCD Natural Resources Assessment Survey Meeting; 9 a.m. to noon, Oxford County Extension Office, Olson Road, South Paris. Join friends and neighbors for a lively discussion about protecting Maine's natural resources and complete a survey to be eligible for a prize. FMI: OCSWCD (743-5789, ext. 101/111).

Ambit Energy presentation at Sunday River Brewery; 9:30 a.m. If you want to spend less on energy, come learn how to save money. Bring your electric bill and your coffee and donuts are free.

Community Supper (No Charge); 4:30 to 6 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road (across from the Telstar parking lot). Call 207-824-2289 for more information.

The Mahoosuc Land Trust's April "Into the Woods" speaker series presenters are Bob Baribeau, Chris Hayward and Dan Elliott, members of the Mahoosuc Mountain Rescue Team. They will share aspects of their work at 7 p.m. in McLaughlin Auditorium, Gould Academy, Bethel. Mahoosuc Mountain Rescue is a volunteer group that assists the Maine Warden Service in solving incidents and accidents in the State of Maine. This event is free and open to the public.

Campaign Kickoff Dinner, Oxford County Democratic Committee; 5 p.m., First Congregational Church, South Paris. Tickets: \$10, \$8/seniors and students. Reserve tickets at 875-2116 or info@oxforddems.org.

Thursday, April 28

What is Palliative Care? Course; 1 to 2:30 p.m., West Paris Library. A Long Distance Learning program presented by SeniorsPlus. Free with pre-registration, call 1-800-427-1241.

Building Kinder Communities; 3-4:15 p.m. at Crescent Park School Cafeteria. A free disabilities awareness program presented by the Cromwell Center for Disabilities Awareness. Sponsored by the Crescent Park School PTA for parents, teachers and community members. RSVP: CPS office 824-2839; please let us know if you need childcare. Refreshments served and free childcare will be available. Participants will receive take-home resources and activities to share with children.

Third Thursday Poetry Group; 5:30 p.m., Rumford Library's public room. Refreshments and a social time are first on the agenda, then readings from our own or a favorite poet's work. There's a new twist on the program: studying poetic forms and styles. FMI: 364-3661 or rumford.lib.me.us.

Antiquarian Supper; 5 p.m. at Bethel Historical Society Mason House, 14 Broad St. Admission by donation: \$10 adults, \$5 18 and under. Call 824-2908 to reserve a place. Dress up in old-fashioned clothing (prize for best costume), bring a relic or artifact, share old stories/anecdotes. A bountiful supper with ancient foods to sample, and modern fare. Traditional music. info@bethelhistoricalsociety.org

Saturday, April 30

Annual Birthday Supper; 5 p.m. and 6 p.m., Congregational Church, Andover. \$8 per person (\$4 for children under 10). Menu: Meatloaf, baked potatoes, string beans, salads, rolls and birthday cakes.

Monday, May 2

Socrates Café Meeting; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Waterford Library. Discussion topic: How Democratic Is Our Process of Choosing a President? Moderator: Jon Chappell. Light refreshments provided. FMI: 583-6957.

East Bethel Cemetery meeting; 7 p.m., Grange Hall. Election of officers and the cleanup day will be decided.

Tuesday, May 3

Wellness Collaborative training; 1-5 p.m. at Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road in Bethel. There's a count-down effort underway to reduce substance use and obesity by addressing isolation & disconnection as key factors bearing on health. Community conversations will be held to help make a plan, and free training available for those wanting to host conversations, as well as deepen their facilitator skills. The Oxford County Wellness Collaborative (OCWC) is currently providing trainings for people who would like to facilitate gatherings around Oxford County and encourages anyone who cares about the well-being of their community to participate.

Wednesday, May 4

Deer hunting presentation; 7 p.m. at the Town Hall in Locke's Mills. Dean Bennett will bring a rare and entertaining look, with a touch of mystery, about a long-held family tradition of deer hunting in western hills of Maine. He will introduce his book, 'Ghost Buck: The Legacy of One Man's Family and Its Hunting Traditions,' with a Power-Point program of slides and video, tracing his family's hunting back into the 1800s and drawing from it lessons we can all learn from activities that bring families together. The program will be followed by an opportunity to purchase books and have them signed by the author. Everyone welcome. Sponsored by the Greenwood Historical Society.

May 6, 7 and 8

4th Annual New England Mineral Conference; Grand Summit Resort Hotel and Conference Center, Sunday River, Newry. The conference includes lectures, mineral exhibits, mineral dealers, auctions and a Sunday field trip. Friday, May 6, is Education Day, including a Poster Contest, for students in grades 3-12. New this year is a Friday evening banquet sponsored by the Maine Mineral and Gem Museum in Bethel. On Friday, May 6, from 9 to 4, dealer rooms, mineral displays, and educational areas are free and open to the general public. FMI/Registration: www.neminalconference.org and www.neminaleducation.org.

Friday, May 6

Improv Comedy Night with the Teacher's Lounge Mafia; 7 p.m., Norway Memorial Library. Performing in the style of "Who's Line is it Anyway?" the Teacher's Lounge Mafia have been bringing hilarity to western Maine and beyond since 2008. Inspired by Upright Citizens Brigade, Saturday Night Live, The State, Kids in the Hall and the works of Noel Paul Stookey and Ted Turner, Teacher's Lounge Mafia strives to bring something different to the footfalls of western Maine. Free tickets will be required to attend this event, available at the library beginning Monday, April 18, 2016. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. FMI: 743-5309 ext. 1 or norlib@norway.lib.me.us.

Saturday, May 7

Benefit Flapjack Breakfast; 8 to 10 a.m., Applebee's, Oxford. \$10 per person, three pancakes, three pieces of bacon, coffee and orange juice. Proceeds to benefit Dennis Cyr who has Lyme Disease and is out of work. Only 300 tickets will be sold. FMI/Tickets: Visit Crazy Sisters in Bryant Pond or call Bert or Jackie at 744-05 or April at 557-2849.

Old fashioned Barn Dance; Mahoosuc Mountain Lodge, North Newry. Potluck supper (bag a dish to share) at 5:30, concert at 7 p.m. and dance at 8 p.m. with musicians Ellen Molly and Edith Gawler. 50/50 raffle. Costs \$10, 1/2 price for children under 16. FMI: 824-2073.

Bethel Green-Up Day; 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Join the Bethel Conservation Commission to help clean up our public places. Gather at 9 a.m. at either Davis Park or Angevine Park to pick up trash bags and choose specific areas to clean. At about 11:30, we'll return to Davis Park to see how much we've picked up, take a group photo, partake of refreshments and celebrate a job well done. If you would rather clean another road or area, please tell Jessie Perkins at the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce—824-2282 or jessie@bethelmaine.com—so the Commission can know that you are helping and where. The CC will provide safety vests, trash bags, water and Energy Cookies. You will need gloves, sturdy shoes, and clothing suitable for a sometimes dirty activity and the weather. Rain date May 14.

Monday, May 9

SAD 44 School Board meeting; 6:30 p.m. at Crescent Park Elementary School.

Bethel Selectmen's meeting; 7 p.m. at Bethel Town Office.

Public hearings on proposed Bethel sewer fees rate change and Sign Ordinance changes; 7 p.m. at Bethel Town Office.

Wednesday, May 11

Bethel Senior Citizens Club meeting and dinner; 11 a.m. at Bethel Methodist Church. Potluck; members will bring a dish to share. A \$3 donation is requested for the church.

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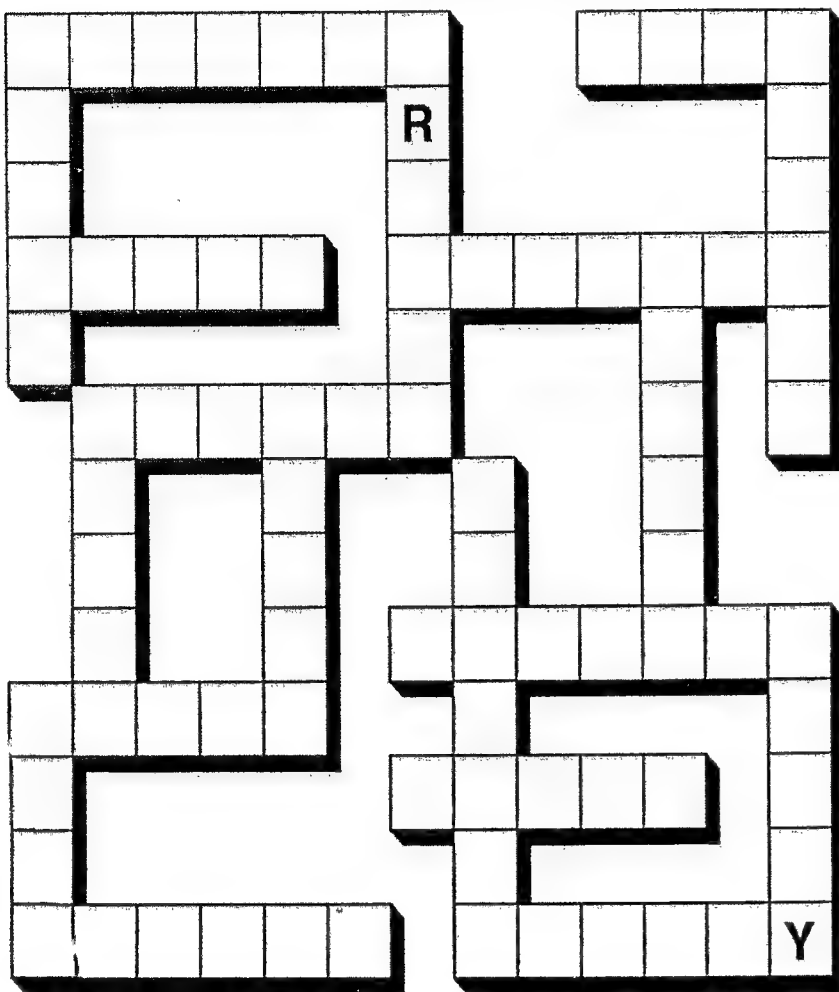
Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CRISSCROSS – “UP” WORDS

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

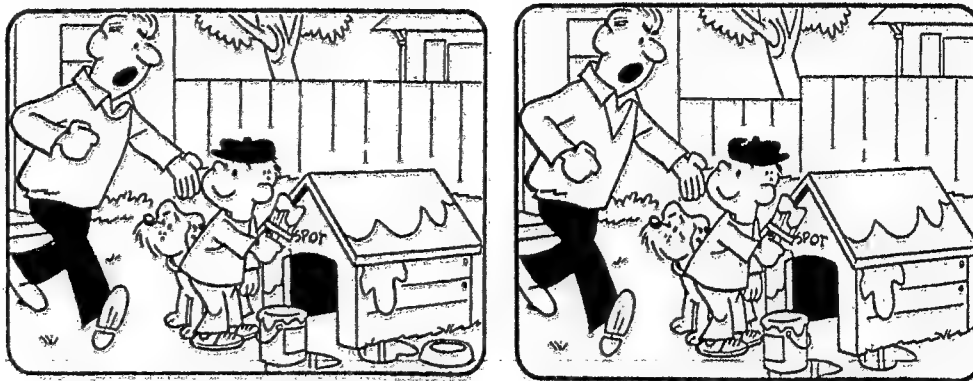
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PUPPET
SUPERB
SUPPLY
TOUPEE
TROUPE
- 7 Letters
- START-UP
SUPPORT
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UPTURNS



HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:
1. Arm is moved. 2. Neckline is different. 3. Fence section is lower. 4. Cap is reversed. 5. Paint can is reversed. 6. Dog's dish is missing.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: S equals T

IOKZM IWPMWKM BTLMRG
IRYIQML PG NYSOW BMZROKMB,
O ITNNWIM SQYS'I Y ZTS SW
SQM ZQYOIM.

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!



"Your uncle was specific. He wanted you to have this heirloom _____."

Club
LAMELT
Noble
DROUP
Scoop
PERROT
Fleece
CLASP

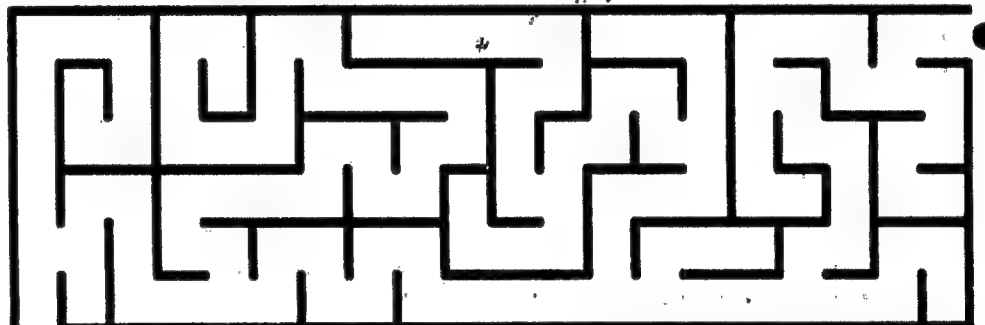
TODAY'S WORD

Super Crossword

BIG MIX-UPS

- ACROSS
- 1 Place a call incorrectly
8 "Alley —"
11 — toe in the water
15 Spat
19 1979
Michael
Caine film
20 Sergeant's inferior
22 Arab leader
23 Had a different opinion
25 Court plea, for short
26 "— the Greek" (1964 film)
27 Average mark
28 French department
29 Ax parts
30 Mel of the old Giants
31 1954 hit song with a biblical title
35 Cyberspace letters
37 Sign of satisfaction
38 Lott of football
39 Valued highly
42 "The Thing" star Russell
43 Lose vigor
45 Ship out
- 46 Career-completion celebrations
51 Canadian station name
52 Spanish arena cry
53 A — (slightly)
54 Haughtiness
58 "So it's you!"
59 Bank
66 offering for creditworthy customers
68 Kuchi sash
69 Quarterback
70 Like some high-quality models
77 "I'm cold!"
78 Bidding site
79 180 degrees from SSE
80 — Lingus
81 Film director Kazan
82 Formation of new areas of oceanic crust
89 Mane locale
93 In the past
94 Minimal tide type
95 Sudden pain
96 Oblong pastry
98 Bards' dusks
99 Weight revealer
- 101 Trainers looking for pins
105 Clumsy shirt
108 Ticket detail
109 Regular pay
110 Stable scrap
111 "Along — spider —"
113 With 11-Down, settled for
114 Takes a defensive position
118 New — (Enya type)
119 Kiss
120 Divert
121 Actors Beatty and Sparks
122 Bodega, e.g.
123 Profs' helpers
124 Any of four long pairs featured in this puzzle
- DOWN
- 1 Seder bread
2 "— the Sheriff"
3 Terse
4 Paint crudely
5 Sitcom actress Swenson
6 NCAA part: Abbr.
7 Nutlike Chinese fruit
8 Band of eight
9 Sound of awe
10 Med lead-in
11 See 113-Across
12 Dubliners, e.g.
13 1990s Toyota
14 Bar brew
15 Bone attachments
16 Coca of comedy
17 Enters one
18 Snowing together
19 Like some ova
20 distributions
24 Eye, e.g.
29 Inflated self
31 Walk shallow water
32 — monkey (high society)
33 Old West Wyatt
34 Hankering
35 Italian opera singer Pavarotti
36 Debussy's "La —"
39 Piece of audiophile equipment, briefly
40 Divvy up again
41 "This pays the rent, at least!"
42 Leg part
43 Sirius, say
44 Adjutant
47 "Li'l ol' me?"
48 Shade tree
49 Artery: Abbr.
50 Composer Erik
55 Nettle
56 "— Rose" (Nat King Cole hit)
57 Eyeballing
59 Victimizes, with "on"
60 Blog feed initials
61 Electrojet bit
62 Heat's org.
63 Up to, informally
64 Downcast
65 Anger greatly
67 One — kind de la —
71 Hose hitch
72 Lowdown
73 Barn hooter
74 Shocked reaction
75 Sales staffer
76 Opp. of departure
81 Falco of "Oz"
83 English peer
84 Amoeba
85 composition
86 Wine: Prefix
86 Tabula —
87 Greek vowels
88 Pointed tool
89 Ted Koppel, for one
90 Area of a plot of land
91 Petitioned
92 Events after Lent
97 Cheez — (crackers)
98 Breakfast china item
99 Old Iranian VIP
100 Et — (and so forth)
102 "In my dreams!"
103 Stupor: Prefix
104 Fowl sheds
105 "My Charlie —"
106 Oscar de la —
107 Casey of countdowns
111 Irene of "Fame"
112 Awestruck
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115 Have chow
116 RR depot
117 — Ho Lee (scientist in 2000 headlines)

Kids' Maze

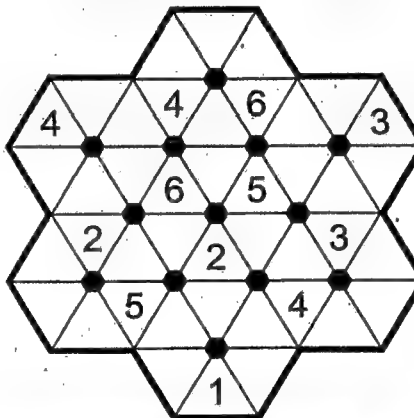


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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦
♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦ Difficult

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

	5			9	2			
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9	8				7		1	
		4			3	8		
	6			8				1
3			1				5	
4					5			7
		5	9			4		
3				7			6	

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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Kids' Maze Solution

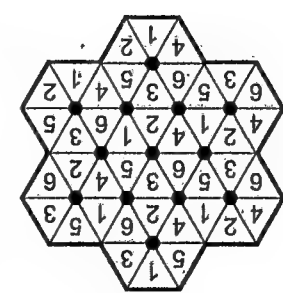
SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

1. Mettle; 2. Proud; 3. Report; 4. Scalp; 5. Oppose that's a cut to the chaise.

CryptoQuip

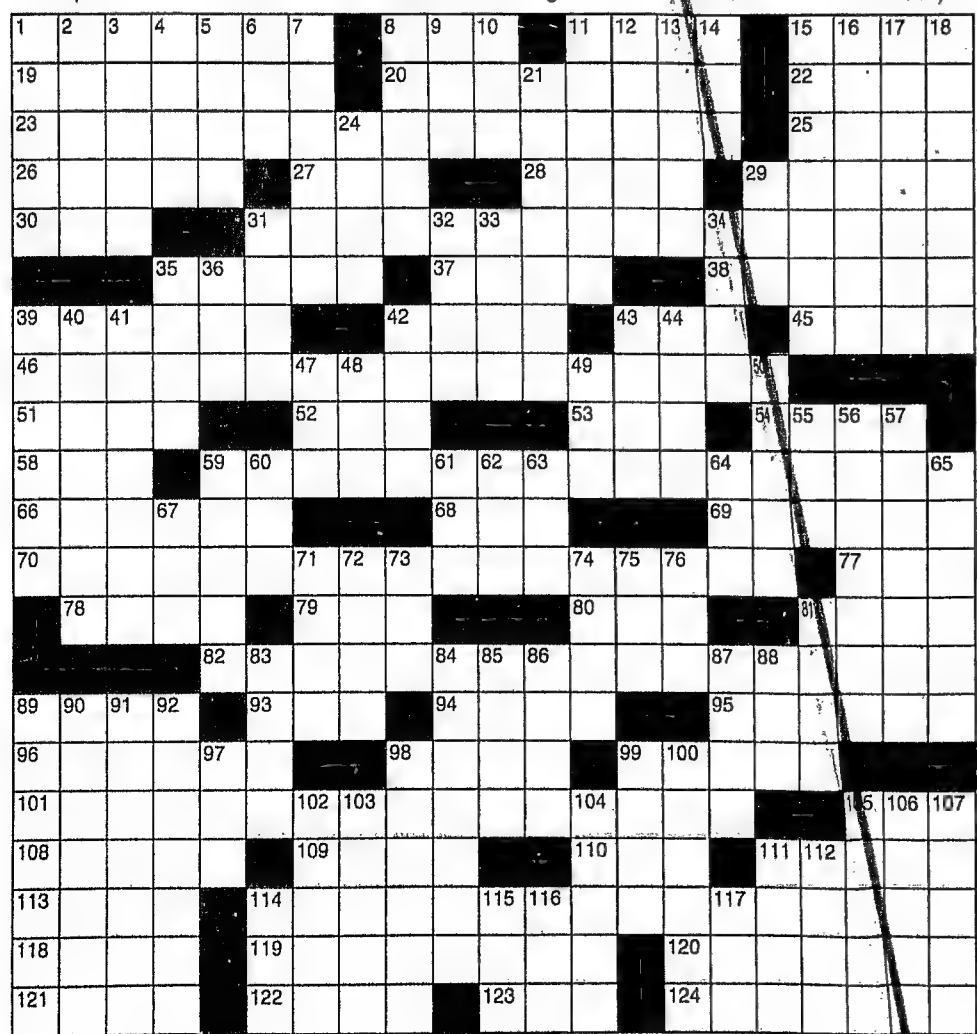
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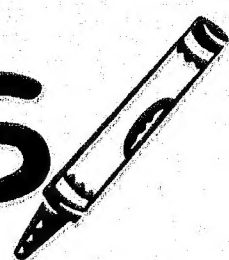
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ANSWERS: Weekly SUDOKU



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MAHOOSUC KIDS



Enrichment opportunities for the children in SAD #44

From the Director

We have been really busy at MKA as spring tries to break through! The kids had a blast at the "Tap of the Town" maple syrup boiling at the Bethel Historical Society. Thanks to Gabe Perkins and Tracy Wilkerson for demonstrating the age old technique.

The spring performance of Kids Theater at CPS was a wonderful success. Alice in Wonderland was performed to the whole CPS student body and for the general community. There were 28 students that participated in the drama production.

The Elementary and Telstar sites were guests of the Bryant Pond 4H camp before vacation. They got to try the climbing wall and learn some primitive skills. The favorite activity was archery.

MKA is once again working with the Recreation department to offer spring swimming lessons at the Riverview Motel. The spring class is for our littlest swimmers only. For more details call MKA. We will also have an announcement in the Bethel Citizen. School age lessons will be offered starting in July.

Speaking of summer - we have "MKA is out of this World" planned and ready to go! The brochure will be up on our website within the week and out to schools after vacation. I hope everyone is having a fun and active vacation. Happy Spring!

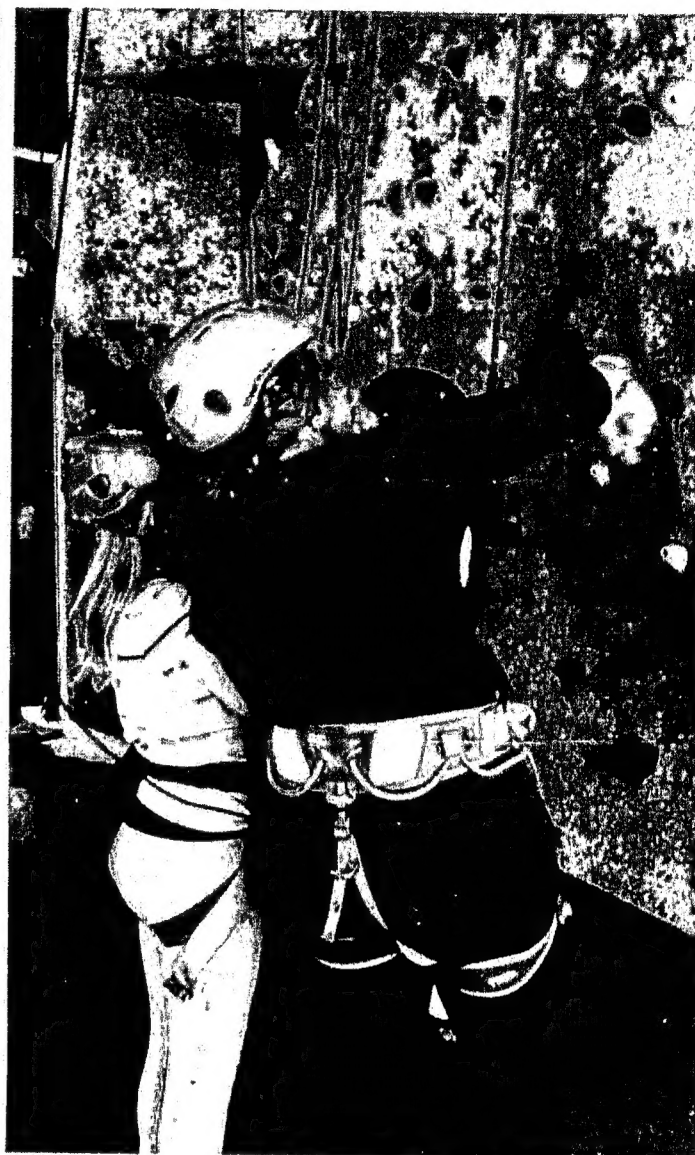
Julie Hart,
MKA Director



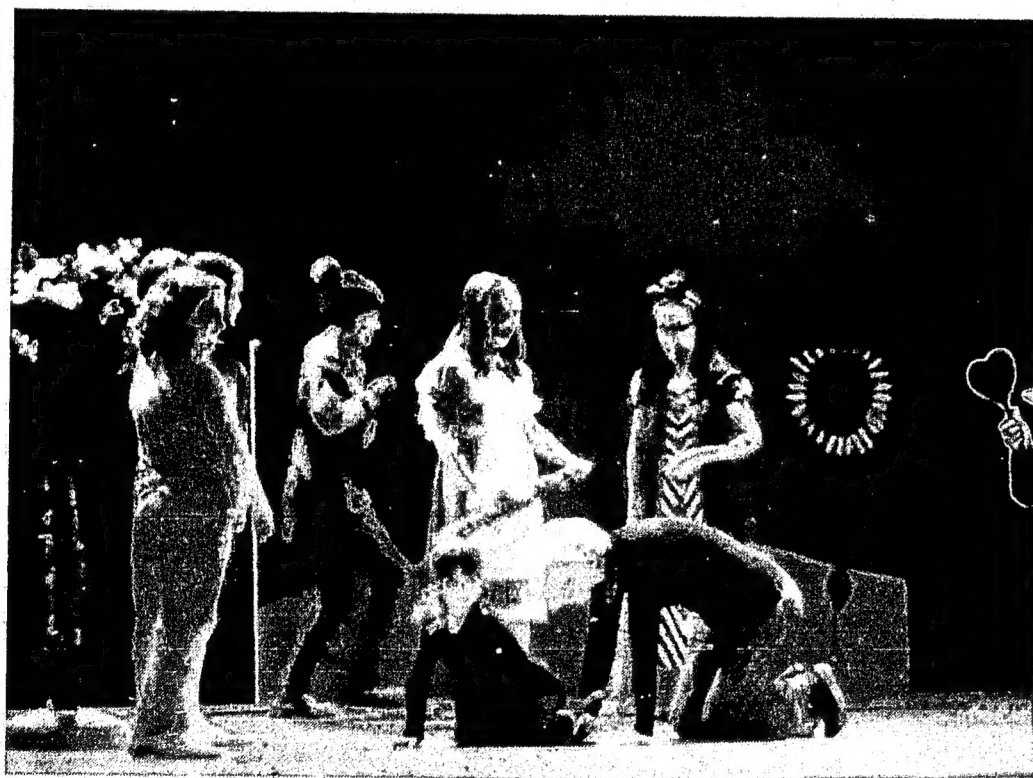
MKA recently had an afternoon visit to "Tap of the Town". Thanks to Tracy Wilkerson for having us visit.



Woodstock's Art Club made "Welcome Spring" posters using their hand prints.



The Woodstock Kids and GOT Farms spent an afternoon climbing the rock wall at Bryant Pond's 4-H Camp and Learning Center.



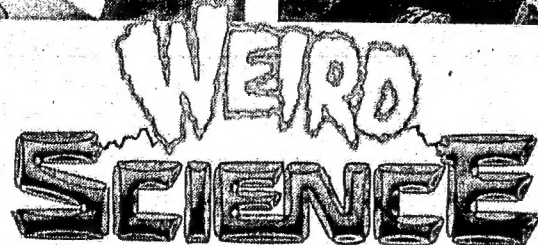
MKAers recently participated in a stage production of Alice in Wonderland.



Pason seeing how surface tension works.



4H Weird Science learning about oil and water!



Luke Mowery participating in the karate belt promotion.

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Obituaries



GORDON P. HOWE

Mr. Gordon Paul "Gordie" Howe, 83, died Wednesday April 13, 2016 at the Maine Veterans Home in South Paris. He was a resident of Hanover, Maine.

Born in Williamsburg, MA on Oct. 17, 1932 he was a son of Henry E. and Ethel May (Allen) Howe. He was a graduate of Gould Academy in Bethel with the class of 1951. He served in the US Army from 1954 to 1956. Gordie was the former Post Master in Hanover and he also owned and operated Howe's General Store in Hanover for many years. He was a communicant of the Parish of The Holy Savior St. Athanasius St. John Church in Rumford. He was a volunteer for Hospice for over 25 years.

He was married in Norway, Maine on Nov. 25, 1954 to Joan Cornell who died in Lewiston, Maine on Aug. 15, 2009.

Survivors include four sons, Christopher Howe of Hanover, Matthew Howe and his wife Paula of Dixfield, Kevin and his wife Tara of New Mexico, Ryan of New Hampshire; a daughter Elaine Howe and her partner Rosemary Howe of Vermont; a sister, Patricia Ouimette and her husband Robert of Massachusetts; a sister in law Tracey Howe of Alabama; many grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren; special friends, Barbara Kaulback of Rumford and Roxanne Thomas of Mexico. He was predeceased by a son Andrew who died in 2004; a sister Marilyn Meltzer; three brothers Henry,

William and Donald. The family would like to thank the Maine Veterans Home of South Paris and a special thanks to the C Unit for their care and kindness.

Friends and relatives are invited to sign the online guest book and share memories with the family at www.meaderandson.com.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10 a.m. Saturday April 23, 2016 at the Parish of The Holy Savior St. Athanasius St. John Church in Rumford. Interment will be in the Hanover Cemetery.

Those who desire may contribute to Androscoggin Home Health Care and Hospice 15 Strawberry Ave, Lewiston, ME 04240 in his memory.

DORIS M. FRENCH

Mrs. Doris M. French, 91, died Friday April 15, 2016 at her residence in Andover, Maine.

Born in Andover, Maine on July 6, 1924 she was a daughter of Wilbert and Arvilla (Meisner) Feener. She was a graduate of Andover High School.

Doris was married in Andover, Maine on Feb. 23, 1944 to Richard Donald French who died in Norway, Maine on Aug. 23, 2005.

Survivors include two daughters, Debra Richard and her husband Gary of Andover, Maine and Donna Cunningham and her husband Randy of Gray, grandchildren, Ryan Richard, Alicia Jodrey, Michelle Perry, Melissa Savage; great grandchildren Ryleigh Richard, Siara Perry and Brock Perry.

Friends and relatives are invited to sign the online guest book and share memories with the family at www.meaderandson.com.

Funeral services will be private and held at the family's convenience. Interment will be in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Andover. Those who desire may contribute to Responsible Pet Care, PO Box 82, Norway, ME 04268 in her memory.

Births

MOORE

Patrick Moore and Brandy Seames of Newry are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Thomas Patrick Moore, born on April 11, 2016 at 2:22 p.m. at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 pounds 2 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Dennis and Debra Poland of Woodstock. Paternal grandparents are Susan and Freeman Brown of South Paris and the late Stanley Moore Sr. of Newry.

Thomas joins his sister, Ollie Seames.

Property transfers

Greenwood

Susan E. Burns to Westside Development of Falmouth, property on Bear Lane. \$108,500, Nov. 17, 2015.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church to John C. and Elaine S. Ledington, land and building at 585 West Paris Road. \$45,000, Nov. 25, 2015.

Sterling A. Mills to Penley & Mills, Inc. of Bangor, land on Wesley Road. \$60,000, Dec. 7, 2015.

Peter K. Dowling and Carol Dowling to Andrew and Nancy Dewing of Greenwood, land and building at 148 Tower Road. \$70,000, Dec. 9, 2015.

Liboria Sciacchitano to Tyler E.R. Bennett of South Paris, land and building at 66 Alcohol Mary Road. \$84,000, Dec. 9, 2015.

Norway Savings Bank environment initiative

It is said that corporate America can do well by doing good. As Earth Day approaches, an Environmental Recycling Activity Report, recently provided to Norway Savings Bank by the bank's recycling partner, confirms that a six-year paperless initiative and recycling effort is making a significant environmental and economic impact.

The report, issued by Secure RMS, recognized Norway Savings Bank as a socially responsible business that has collected and processed over 176,000 pounds (88 tons) of paper for recycling in the last six years. The report outlined the savings are equivalent to:

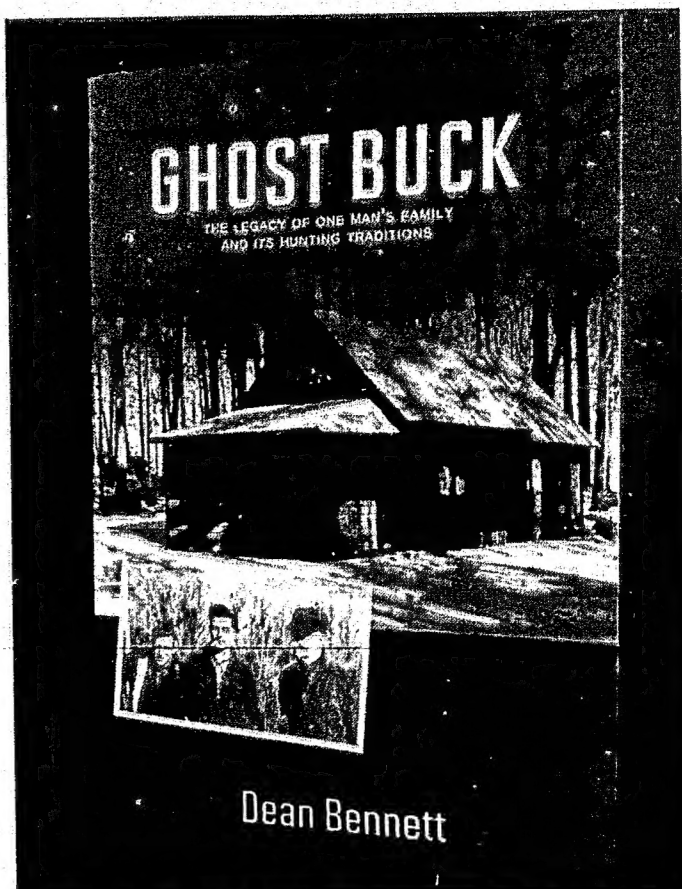
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The estimated financial value of the environmental savings is \$454,593, according to Secure RMS.

"At Norway Savings, we talk a lot about seeking creative and colorful solutions to solve real issues," said Norway Savings Bank President & CEO Pat Weigel. "For us, this means being intentional about our actions and taking steps to protect the environment we all cherish here in Maine. As a bank, we have also verified that these steps reduce our costs. There is more than one way to see green."

Norway Savings Bank's Environmental and Paperless Initiative includes better utilization of technology to reduce the automotive courier service for branch check pickups, increasing the use of electronic forms and electronic storage of records, as well as diligent recycling efforts throughout the bank. In addition, the bank has adopted the use of geothermal technology and other energy efficient HVAC systems in branch construction and renovation projects in order to reduce its consumption of fossil fuels. "We have also converted 35 percent of our account holders to more convenient and environmentally responsible e-statements. But we still have more work to do," said Weigel.

Banks across the country and globally have been working to reduce their paper through the promotion of electronic banking. However, getting customers to agree to paperless banking has been a challenge for many banks.



Family hunting presentation at GHS

On Wednesday evening, May 4 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall in Locke's Mills, Dean Bennett will bring a rare and entertaining look, with a touch of mystery, about a long-held family tradition of deer hunting in western hills of Maine.

He will introduce his book, *Ghost Buck: The Legacy of One Man's Family and Its Hunting Traditions*, with a Power-Point program of slides and video, tracing his family's hunting back into the

1800s and drawing from it lessons we can all learn from activities that bring families together.

The program will be followed by an opportunity to purchase books and have them signed by the author. Everyone welcome. Sponsored by the Greenwood Historical Society.

Details available at: Facebook at Greenwood Historical Society or at the website: greenwoodhistorical.org.

SR Peak2Peak

Sunday River Resort will host the new MEMIC Peak2Peak Challenge Sept. 10. During this event, racers are tasked with summiting each of Sunday River's eight peaks, over 3 miles wide and 2,000 vertical feet, by choosing their own course for the fastest time.

Competitors ages 13 and up can take part as an individual, or in teams of two or four. Each racer must determine their route for the fastest way to the top of each peak. Teams will have the option of splitting peak assignments between members, while individuals must summit all eight peaks on their own. Teams must cross the start and finish line together. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in the individual male, individual female, team of two, and team of

four categories.

Children ages 4 to 12 can participate in the Kids and Family Challenge scavenger hunt. Both competitors and spectators can enjoy live music, food, and activities at Sunday River's Mountain Park, like zip lining, disc golf, rock climbing, a bungee trampoline, scenic lift rides, and mountain biking.

Registration is open and costs \$59 per person until July 1 and \$69 after July 1. Only 300 spots are available. \$5 of each registration will benefit PSL Services/STRIVE, who provide a community of support and assistance to people with cognitive disabilities or mental health diagnoses.

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